# OF THE MASSES OF THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

#### BOOK II

#### Lent and Eastertide

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#### CONCLUSION OF THE COLLECT

The following is the usual conclusion:

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

When the prayer is addressed to God the Father but the Son is mentioned at the end of the prayer, the following conclusion is used:

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

When the prayer is addressed to God the Son, the following conclusion is used:

(You) who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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### INTERIM TRANSLATIONS FROM THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL

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The object of the translators has been to produce something which preserves our English tradition and idiom, yet at the same time avoids archaic expression which might be meaningless to people at the present time.

Comments on the translation as a whole and on specific points should in the first place be sent to the local diocesan Liturgical Commissions.

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#### ASH WEDNESDAY

Entry antiphon

You are merciful to all men, Lord; you love all your creatures.
When we repent, you forget our sins and spare us, for you are the Lord our God.

The penitential rite is omitted when the blessing of ashes takes place. Collect

Lord, our struggle is against the forces of evil. Grant that during this Lent we may submit to rigorous training and learn self-control through the fast with which we begin this season. Through our Lord.

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

After the homily the priest stands with joined hands and says:

My dear people: As a sign of repentance we shall put these ashes on our heads. Let us ask God our Father to bless them with his abundant grace.

All pray for a while in silence, and then the priest continues: Either:

O God, we know that you are moved to mercy when we do penance in reparation for our sins. Listen then to our prayers and bless \( \frac{1}{2} \) your servants as they are sprinkled with these ashes. Make us faithful to the observance of Lent, so that we may come with hearts made clean to celebrate the death and resurrection of your Son: who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

Or

O God, you desire not the death of sinners but their conversion. Bless A these ashes with which we shall mark our heads. We acknowledge that we are ourselves but ashes, and shall return to dust. Grant that our Lenten observance may help us to gain pardon for our sins, and a new life like that of your risen Son: who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

In silence the priest sprinkles the ashes with holy water. Then he places the ashes on all who come forward, saying to each one:

Either:

Repent, and believe the Gospel.

Or

Remember, man, that you are dust and to dust you shall return.

During the distribution of the ashes the following antiphons may be recited or a suitable hymn may be sung:

Antiphon 1

While we put on garments of penance, while we fast and are sprinkled with ashes, let us cry out to the Lord our God, who in his mercy will forgive us our sins.

Antiphon 2

Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, stand before the sanctuary and cry out: Spare, O Lord, spare your people, do not silence the lips that praise you.

Antiphon 3

Lord, cleanse me from my sins.

(This antiphon may be used with the psalm Miserere, being repeated after each verse)

Responsory

In the past we have sinned thoughtlessly: now let us change our ways, lest the day of our death come suddenly upon us, and we seek time for repentance and it is not granted to us:

\*Lord, listen to us and have mercy on us, for we have sinned against you.

O God our Saviour help us; for your name's sake, Lord, deliver us:

\*Lord, listen to us and have mercy on us, for we have sinned against you.

When he has finished the distribution of the ashes the priest washes his hands; the Credo is not said, but the rite ends with the Bidding Prayer

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord as we offer you this sacrifice at the beginning of Lent, we ask of you this grace: grant that our works of penance and charity may help us to overcome our evil inclinations. Free us from our sins, so that we may come worthily to celebrate the Passion of your Son: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface of Lent IV (p. 148)

Communion antiphon

The man who ponders God's law by night and day will bear fruit in due season.

May this sacrament, Lord, which we have received, help us faithfully to observe our fast in your honour, and so be cured of our infirmities. Through Christ our Lord.

The blessing and distribution of ashes may take place outside of Mass. If possible there should first be a liturgy of the Word consisting of the entry antiphon, collect and readings as at Mass, and this is followed by a homily. The rite of blessing and distribution ends with the Bidding Prayer.

#### THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Entry antiphon

When I cried to the Lord he heard my voice; he rescued me from my enemies. Entrust your cares to the Lord, and he will nourish you.

#### Collect

Lord, may your grace inspire all our actions and sustain them to the end, so that all our work may begin with you, and by you be brought to completion. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look kindly, Lord, we pray, upon the offerings that we have set on your holy altar. May they obtain for us your pardon and give glory to your name. Through Christ our Lord.

Until the 5th week of Lent, Preface of Lent (p. 148), unless otherwise stated.

Communion antiphon

Create in me a pure heart, O God; put a steadfast spirit within me.

Post-Communion

Almighty God, you have blessed us with the gift of your holy sacrament. May it always win for us your pardon, and bring us to salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

#### FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Entry antiphon

The Lord has heard me and had pity on me; the Lord has become my helper.

#### Collect

We have begun, Lord, our acts of penance: in your goodness help us to carry them through to the end. May we reflect in our hearts the discipline we apply to our bodies. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We unite our Lenten observance, Lord, with your Son's sacrifice in the Mass. May it make our hearts pleasing to you and help us to gain greater self-control. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Show us, Lord, your paths; teach us to recognize your ways.

Post-Communion

Almighty God, through this sacrament which we have shared, forgive us our sins, and in your goodness grant us the healing that we need. Through Christ our Lord.

#### SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Entry antiphon

Hear us, Lord, in your kindness and mercy; in your great compassion look favourably upon us.

Collect

Almighty, eternal God, look kindly upon our weakness, and stretch out your powerful hand to save us. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray you, Lord, this sacrifice which we make to appease and praise you. May it wash away our sins and enable us to offer up hearts that are pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

I desire mercy, not sacrifice, says the Lord; I have not come to call the just, but sinners.

Post-Communion

You have nourished us, Lord, with the Bread of Heaven in this sacramental meal; grant that it may prepare us to receive eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Entry antiphon

He will call to me and I shall hear him; I shall rescue him and give him glory, and grant him length of days.

The Gloria in excelsis is not said on the Sundays of Lent

Collect

Almighty God, grant that our annual Lenten observance may help us to penetrate more deeply into the mystery of Christ, and through living holy lives to grow in grace. Through our Lord.

The Credo is said on the Sundays of Lent, as usual

#### Prayer over the Offerings

We pray you, almighty God, make us fit to offer these gifts, by which we celebrate the beginning of the holy season of Lent. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Preface

It is indeed right and fitting that heaven and earth should praise you, O God, through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

For forty days he went without food, and by his fast set the example of our Lenten observance. He overthrew the deceit of the devil and taught us to overcome the leaven of his wickedness, so that we might celebrate the Easter mystery with worthy hearts, and come at length to the eternal Easter in heaven.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you, with all the Angels and Saints, as we joyfully proclaim:

#### Communion antiphon

Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

#### Or

God will shelter you under his wings; within his protection you may be filled with hope.

#### Post-Communion

You have refreshed us, Lord, with the Bread of Heaven, which nourishes our faith, enlarges our hope and strengthens our charity. Teach us to hunger after the true bread of life, so that we may learn to live by every word that comes from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.

#### MONDAY AFTER FIRST SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

As the eyes of servants follow the hands of their masters, so our eyes are on the Lord our God, till he shows us mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

#### Collect

Put a new spirit within us, O God our Saviour. Form our minds by your heavenly teaching, so that we may draw profit from our Lenten observance. Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, accept our loving offerings and transform them by your power, so that they may bring us your grace and your merciful forgiveness. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

Truly I tell you, says the Lord: what you did to one of the least of these my brethren, you did to me.

Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

#### Post-Communion

Grant, Lord, that this sacrament which we have received may bring strength and salvation to our bodies and souls, so that we may experience with joy the healing power of your grace. Through Christ our Lord.

#### TUESDAY AFTER FIRST SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

Lord, you have been our refuge for age after age; you live for ever and ever.

#### Collect

Lord, look mercifully upon your people. During Lent we deny our bodies their comforts; grant that our hearts may burn with longing for you. Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Almighty God, creator of all things, we make you an offering from the gifts you have generously bestowed upon us. You have given them to us for our support in this world: grant that they may help us to attain eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

When I called on you, you heard me; O God, you guard my rights, and when I am in trouble you give me relief; have mercy on me, Lord, and heed my cry.

#### Post-Communion

Grant, Lord, that this sacrament may help us to control our longing for the things of this world, and teach us to love the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTER FIRST SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown us from of old:

let our enemies never triumph over us;

God of Israel, set us free from all our afflictions.

#### Collect

Lord, graciously pay heed to the prayers of your people, and grant that, while we discipline our bodies, our good works may bring new life to our hearts. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord, the gifts you have given us for your worship. Transform them into a sacrament that will bring us everlasting healing. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

Lord, let all who hope in you be glad; they shall proclaim their joy for ever, for you will live among them.

#### Post-Communion

O God, you never cease to nourish us with your sacraments. Grant that they may renew our strength and bring us eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

#### THURSDAY AFTER FIRST SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

Hear my words, Lord; listen to my cry; pay heed to my prayer, my King and my God.

#### Collect

Pour out your grace upon us, Lord, so that we may always recognize what is right and be prompt to carry it out. Thus may we learn to live according to your will, since we cannot exist without you. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, in your mercy listen to our petitions. Accept your people's offerings and prayers, and turn our hearts back to you. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

He who asks receives, he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks the door will be opened.

Grant us, Lord our God, that this holy sacrament, which you have given us for our renewal, may heal us now and in time to come. Through Christ our Lord.

#### FRIDAY AFTER FIRST SUNDAY

Entry antiphon

Rescue me from my troubles, Lord; see my suffering and affliction, and pardon all my sins.

Collect

Lord, help your people duly to prepare for the celebration of Easter. Grant that the penance which we undertake at this season, may bear fruit in our souls. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

In your power and goodness, Lord, you have decreed that these offerings should win for us your pardon and restore to us your salvation. Be merciful to us, we pray, and accept them. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

I am the living God, says the Lord; it is not my will that the sinner should die, but that he should be converted and live.

Post-Communion

You have given us, Lord, your holy sacrament to be our food. Grant that it may renew our strength and purify us from our old faults, so that we may be united with Christ, who is the source of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

#### SATURDAY AFTER FIRST SUNDAY

Entry antiphon

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul;

the word of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to those of childlike heart.

Collect

Eternal Father, turn our hearts to you. Grant that in our service of you we may follow the example of both Martha and Mary, seeking the one thing needful, and performing our deeds of charity. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, may the sacrifice of the Mass, which you have given us for our healing, make us worthy of the Holy Communion you offer us. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect, says the Lord.

#### Post-Communion

You have strengthened us, Lord, through the Mass and nourished us with your heavenly sacrament. Stay with us to comfort us and save us, and never cease to show us your favour. Through Christ our Lord.

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Entry antiphon

To you my heart has spoken, I have sought your face; your face, Lord, I shall always seek; do not turn away from me.

Or

Lord, remember your everlasting kindness and mercy; never let our enemies prevail over us; God of Israel, rescue us when we are in trouble.

#### Collect

O God, you commanded us to listen to your beloved Son. Nourish our minds with your gospel and clarify our vision, so that we may rejoice in the contemplation of your glory in heaven. Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, Lord, wash away our sins, and make us holy in body and soul for the celebration of Easter. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Preface

It is indeed right and fitting that heaven and earth should praise you, O God, through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

He foretold his death to his disciples and showed them his glory on the holy mountain, so that the law and the prophets might confirm that the path of suffering leads to the glory of the resurrection.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you, with all the Angels and Saints, as we joyfully proclaim:

#### Communion antiphon

This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!

We are filled with thankfulness, Lord, for the glorious sacrament we have received, by which, while we are still on earth, you grant us a taste of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

#### MONDAY AFTER SECOND SUNDAY

Entry antiphon

Rescue me, Lord, and show me your mercy; I have set my foot on the path of holiness.

I will bless the Lord in the gathering of his people.

Collect

O God, you have commanded us to discipline our bodies for the healing of our souls. Grant that we may refrain from all sin, and steadfastly carry out your loving will. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be merciful to us, Lord, and listen to our prayers. Free us from the temptations that beset us in this world, since you allow us here to celebrate the mysteries of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Be merciful, as your heavenly Father is merciful, says the Lord.

Post-Communion

May our holy communion, Lord, wash away our sinfulness and prepare us to take part in the joys of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

#### TUESDAY AFTER SECOND SUNDAY

Entry antiphon

Give light to my eyes, lest I fall asleep in death, lest my enemy say: I have overcome him.

Collect

Watch over your Church, Lord, we pray, with never-ceasing mercy. Help us to turn away from what is harmful and to seek what is good, for we are frail, and without you we are bound to fall. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Have mercy on us, Lord, and make us holy through this Mass. Grant that it may free us from our evil inclinations and lead us safely to heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

I shall recount all your wonderful deeds;

I shall rejoice in you and sing psalms in your honour,

O Lord most High.

Lord, you have given us food at your holy table. May it help us to serve you more faithfully, and always to receive your pardon. Through Christ our Lord.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTER SECOND SUNDAY

Entry antiphon

Do not forsake me, Lord, my God, do not abandon me; make haste and come to my help,

Lord, my strength, my Saviour.

Collect

Lord, use our good works to teach us and keep us ever safe. Give us the consolation of your protection in this life, and in your goodness lead us to heaven. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favourably, Lord, upon this sacrifice which we are offering to you. Grant in return that it may set us free from the sins which hold us captive. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for all men.

Post-Communion

Lord, our God, you have given us this sacrament to be a pledge of immortality. Grant that it may obtain for us the grace of eternal salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

#### THURSDAY AFTER SECOND SUNDAY

Entry antiphon

Test me, O God, and seek out the path I am treading; look to see if I am following the way of wickedness; direct me along the path of everlasting life.

Collect

O God, you love innocence, and you alone can restore it. Turn our hearts back to you and fill them with the fire of your Spirit, so that we may be firm in our faith and fruitful in good works. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, Lord, help us to grow in holiness through our Lenten observance, so that our self-denial may work in us a change of heart. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Happy are those whose life is blameless, and who follow the law of God.

May this sacrifice we have offered, O God, continue within us as an abiding source of strength and power. Through Christ our Lord.

#### FRIDAY AFTER SECOND SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

In you, Lord, I have placed my hope; let me not be disappointed for ever.

You will release me from the snare they have hidden to trap me, for you are my protector.

#### Collect

Grant, we pray you, almighty God, that our acts of penance may purify us, so that we may come to the celebration of Easter with undivided hearts. Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

In your mercy, O God, give us the grace to celebrate this Mass worthily, and help us to prepare for it by the holiness of our lives. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

God loved us, and sent his Son to make atonement for our sins.

#### Post-Communion

You have given us, Lord, the pledge of eternal salvation. Lead us along the right path so that we may reach this salvation in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

#### SATURDAY AFTER SECOND SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, patient and abounding in mercy. How good the Lord is to all, full of compassion for all his creatures.

#### Collect

O God, by your wonderful healing power you enable us even in this world to share the joys of heaven. Guide us, we pray, in this life, and bring us safely to the light in which you dwell. Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

May these sacraments, we pray, Lord, exert on us their redeeming power, so that we may learn self-control, and come safely to our home in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

It is right, my son, for you to be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.

#### Post-Communion

We have received this sacrament, Lord, your gift to us from heaven. May it flood every corner of our hearts, and by its transforming power, make us share in the life of Christ: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Entry antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he will free my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy, for I am lonely and poor.

#### Or

When I show forth my holiness among you, says the Lord, I will gather you together from the ends of the earth; I will pour out cleansing water on you, and you will be washed free from your sins; I will put a new spirit within you.

#### Collect

O God, source of all mercy and goodness, you have taught us to find the remedy for our sins in fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Receive our humble confession of our faults, and in your mercy take away the guilt that weighs upon our consciences. Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Look favourably upon our sacrifice, Lord, and grant us this grace: that as we pray to be forgiven ourselves, we may be quick to forgive others. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: When the Gospel about the Woman of Samaria has been read, the following is used:

It is indeed right and fitting that heaven and earth should praise you, O God, through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

When he begged the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, he had already planted the seed of faith in her heart: in his mercy he enkindled her desire for belief, so that he might inflame her with the fire of his love.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you, with all the Angels and Saints, as we joyfully proclaim:

Otherwise: Preface of Lent (p. 148)

#### Communion antiphon

When the Gospel about the Samaritan woman has been read: Whoever drinks the water that I will give you, says the Lord, will have within himself a spring of water, welling up to eternal life.

#### Otherwise:

The sparrow has found herself a home, and the turtle-dove a nest for her young, by your altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my God. They are happy who dwell in your house; they shall praise you for ever.

#### Post-Communion

We have received, Lord, the pledge of what is in store for us in heaven; we have eaten our fill of the bread of life while still on earth. Grant that we may experience in our lives the effects of the sacrament we celebrate. Through Christ our Lord.

#### MONDAY AFTER THIRD SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

My soul is longing and yearning for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my soul have rejoiced in the living God.

#### Collect

In your mercy, Lord, never cease to purify and protect your Church. Grant it your constant guidance, for it cannot stand safely without you. Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

We, your servants, Lord, bring you this offering which is your due; make of it a sacrament that brings us salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

Praise the Lord, all you nations, for his mercy endures for ever.

#### Post-Communion

Grant, Lord, that this Holy Communion we have received may take away our sinfulness and unite us in love. Through Christ our Lord.

#### TUESDAY AFTER THIRD SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

I call to you because you hear me, Lord;

listen to my prayer.

Protect me as the apple of your eye;

shelter me in the shadow of your wings.

#### Collect

Never withdraw your grace from us, Lord. May it keep us faithful to your service, and obtain for us your unfailing help. Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, Lord, that this sacrifice which redeems us may purify us from our sins, and gain for us your powerful aid. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

Who shall dwell in your tent, Lord, and make his home on your holy mountain? Only the man of sinless life, whose deeds are holy.

#### Post-Communion

May this sacrament we have shared, Lord, impart life to us. May it bring us forgiveness and strength. Through Christ our Lord.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTER THIRD SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

Let your words guide my steps, so that evil may never rule me.

#### Collect

You train us, Lord, by our Lenten observance, and nourish our minds with your holy word. Grant that our self-denial may enable us to give our hearts to you. May our prayer to you as our Father be a bond that unites us all. Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, Lord, our prayers and offerings. May this Mass we are celebrating protect us from all danger. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

You have shown me the path of life, Lord; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

#### Post-Communion

Grant, Lord, that the Bread of Heaven which we have eaten at your table, may make us holy. May it gain for us pardon for our sins,

and make us fit to receive the grace you have promised. Through Christ our Lord.

#### THURSDAY AFTER THIRD SUNDAY

Entry Antiphon

I am the salvation of my people, says the Lord. When they call out to me in their affliction, I shall hear their cry,

and show myself their Lord for ever.

#### Collect

Lord our King, as the Paschal festival of our redemption draws near, grant, we pray, that we may come to celebrate it with greater devotion. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Purify us, Lord, from all infection of sin, so that our offerings may be pleasing to you. Do not let us give our hearts to false pleasures. for you promise us rewards of true worth in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

You have given me your precepts to be diligently obeyed; direct my steps in obedience to your commands.

Post-Communion

In your goodness, Lord, you have given us your sacraments to renew our strength. Impart new vigour to us, so that our lives may embody the redemption we receive in the Mass. Through Christ our Lord.

#### FRIDAY AFTER THIRD SUNDAY

Entry antiphon

Lord, there is no other God to equal you, for you are mighty in your wonderful deeds; you alone are God.

Collect

Lord, in your goodness fill our hearts with your grace. Help us always to moderate our excessive desires, and to abide faithfully by your holy commands. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favourably, Lord, on the gifts we dedicate to you. May they be pleasing in your sight and an unfailing source of salvation for us. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

To love God with all your heart

and to love your neighbour as yourself, is a greater thing than to offer sacrifice.

#### Post-Communion

Transform our thoughts and our deeds, Lord, by the power of your grace, so that we may receive in heaven the full measure of the salvation of which you grant us now a share. Through Christ our Lord.

#### SATURDAY AFTER THIRD SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

My soul give thanks to the Lord, and never forget all his blessings, for he forgives you all your sins.

#### Collect

Lord, as we celebrate again with joy this season of Lent, grant that we may be prepared to share to the full the grace and joy of the Paschal mystery. Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

O God, you give us the grace to come with purified hearts to the celebration of this Mass. Grant that we may take part in it worthily, and so worship you as we ought. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

The publican stood far off, and beat his breast, and said: O God, be merciful to me a sinner.

#### Post-Communion

God of mercy, grant us this grace: that every time we receive Holy Communion, we may do so with devout and obedient hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Entry antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and rejoice with her all you who love her.

Rejoice and be cheerful, you who were desolate.

Be glad and take your fill of the milk of her consolation.

#### Collect

O God, you have wonderfully reconciled the human race through Jesus Christ, your Word. Grant that your Christian people may prepare to celebrate the Paschal mystery with lively devotion and eager faith. Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, it is with great joy that we offer you the sacrifice that brings

everlasting healing. Grant us the grace to celebrate it for the world's salvation, with due reverence and obedience. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: When the Gospel about the Man born Blind has been read, the following is used:

It is indeed right and fitting that heaven and earth should praise you, O God, through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

When men were walking in darkness he brought them to the light of faith by the wonder of the Word made flesh. Those who were born slaves to original sin he made adopted children of God by the waters of baptism.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you, with all the Angels and Saints, as we joyfully proclaim:

Otherwise: Preface of Lent (p. 148)

#### Communion antiphon

When the Gospel about the Man born Blind has been read:

The Lord anointed my eyes;

I went and washed,

I began to see and believed in God.

When the Gospel about the Prodigal Son has been read:

It is right, my son, for you to be glad,

for your brother was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.

Otherwise:

Jerusalem, the heavenly city, the symbol of unity, where all the People of God come together, to praise your name, O Lord.

#### Post-Communion

O God, you enlighten every man who comes into the world. Enlighten our hearts with the brightness of your grace, so that our thoughts may be worthy and pleasing to you, and our love for you may be constant and sincere. Through Christ our Lord.

#### MONDAY AFTER FOURTH SUNDAY

Entry antiphon

I shall hope in you, Lord;

I shall be glad and rejoice in your mercy; you have taken heed of my affliction.

#### Collect

O God, by your sacraments you wonderfully renew the world. Grant that the Church may grow in holiness with their aid, and never lack the help she needs on earth. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, Lord, that this offering may help us to grow in holiness. Purify our lives from our old sinfulness, and renew our spirit with your heavenly grace. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

I shall put my spirit within you, and make you live by my laws; I shall make you careful to keep my commandments, says the Lord.

#### Post-Communion

May your sacrament, Lord, fill us with new life and grace, and help us on our way to heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

#### TUESDAY AFTER FOURTH SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

All you who are thirsty, come to the water, says the Lord; you who have no money, come gladly and drink.

#### Collect

Help us, Lord, to be faithful to our Lenten observance, so that we may prepare our hearts to receive the grace of Easter, and to proclaim to the world that you have redeemed us. Through our Lord.

Prayers over the Offerings

You have given us, Lord, these gifts, and now we offer them back to you, acknowledging that your creative power heals our sick nature with the gift of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I lack.

He has set me in his pastures, and led me to refreshing waters.

#### Post-Communion

Be good to us, Lord, and purify our hearts. May your heavenly sacrament renew our strength, and help our weakness now and in time to come. Through Christ our Lord.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTER FOURTH SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

I have made my prayer to you, Lord; this is the acceptable time, O God.

Hear me in your great mercy, and give me the help you have promised.

#### Collect

O God, you reward the just, and pardon repentant sinners. We confess our guilt; in your mercy forgive our sins. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, Lord, we pray, free us from our old nature; may it transform our lives and bring us salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

#### Post-Communion

We have received, Lord, the Bread of Heaven. Let it not bring us condemnation, for you have given it to us for our healing. Through Christ our Lord.

#### THURSDAY AFTER FOURTH SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

Let the heart that seeks the Lord rejoice; always seek him, and receive his strength.

#### Collect

Lord, in your mercy help us to reform our lives through penance, and to school our hearts through good works. Make us persevering and single-minded in obeying your commands, so that we may come without sin to celebrate Easter. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offering

Almighty God, grant that the sacrifice we offer may strengthen us in our frailty, and free us from all sinfulness. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

I will set my law within them; said the Lord, and I will write it on their hearts; they will be my chosen people, and I will be their God.

#### Post-Communion

Lord, grant that this Holy Communion may keep us free from all sin. Our guilt weighs on our consciences: grant that we may experience with joy the healing power of your sacrament. Through Christ our Lord.

#### FRIDAY AFTER FOURTH SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

O God, be true to your name and save me; show your power and rescue me.

O God, hear my prayer,

listen to the words I speak to you.

#### Collect

O God, you have given us the sacraments to help us in our weakness. May we rejoice to experience their healing power, and show their effects in the holiness of our lives. Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Cleanse our hearts, almighty God, by the powerful action of this sacrifice, so that we may come sinless to Christ its Priest and Victim: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

#### Communion antiphon

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of his grace.

#### Post-Communion

Cleanse our hearts, almighty God, so that we may put aside our past, and become new men. Through Christ our Lord.

#### SATURDAY AFTER FOURTH SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

The groans of the dying, the pains of hell, have surrounded me; in my anguish I called to the Lord, and from his holy temple he heard my voice.

#### Collect

Lord, in your mercy direct our hearts, for without your grace we cannot be pleasing to you. Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Be moved to mercy, Lord, by the offering we make to you, and compel our stubborn hearts to love you. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

We have been redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

#### Post-Communion

May this sacrament we have received, Lord, purify our hearts and make us pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Entry antiphon

Give judgement for me, O God, and defend my cause against a godless people; rescue me from wicked and deceitful men, for you are my God and my strength.

#### Collect

Lord, your Son in his love for the world gave himself up to death. Grant us the grace to live our lives in the same spirit of unhesitating love. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Almighty God, you have given us the teachings of the Christian faith to enlighten our minds. Grant that the grace of this sacrifice may purify our hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: When the Gospel about Lazarus has been read, the following is used:

It is indeed right and fitting that heaven and earth should praise you, O God, through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

As true man, he wept for Lazarus, his friend; as the everlasting God, he raised Lazarus from the tomb. Now, in his loving mercy towards men, through this sacrifice he bestows on us new life.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you, with all the Angels and Saints, as we joyfully proclaim:

Otherwise: Preface of Lent (p. 148)

#### Communion antiphon

When the Gospel about Lazarus has been read:

Everyone who lives in me and believes in me, said the Lord, will not suffer eternal death.

When the Gospel about the Woman taken in Adultery has been read:

Woman, has no one condemned you? No one, Lord. Neither do I condemn you; do not sin again.

Otherwise:

Truly I tell you this: A grain of wheat remains as it is unless it is buried in the ground and dies; but if it dies it brings forth much fruit.

Post-Communion

Almighty God, we have received your Son's body and blood. Grant us the grace always to be numbered among his members: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

#### MONDAY AFTER FIFTH SUNDAY

Entry antiphon

Have mercy on me, Lord, my enemies have oppressed me; they have fought all day long against me, and crushed me.

Collect

O God, you enrich us with every blessing through the wonderful effects of your grace. Grant that we may change from our old ways to a new life, and so prepare for the glory of your heavenly kingdom. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, as we prepare to celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass, grant us this grace: that our Lenten self-denial may enable us to offer you hearts that are joyful and undivided. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Passion I(p. 148)

Communion antiphon

When the Gospel about the Woman taken in Adultery has been read:

Woman, has no one condemned you?

No one, Lord.

Neither do I condemn you;

do not sin again.

Otherwise:

I am the light of the world;

he who follows me does not walk in the dark;

he will possess the light of life.

Post-Communion

You have given us, Lord, your sacrament to strengthen us. Grant that it may free us from our faults and speed us on our pilgrimage towards you, in the footsteps of Christ: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

#### TUESDAY AFTER FIFTH SUNDAY

Entry antiphon

Hope in the Lord and have courage; take comfort and wait for him.

#### Collect

Grant us the grace, Lord, to be unfaltering in your service, so that in our time your people may grow in holiness and increase in number. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We pray you, Lord, be moved to mercy by this sacrifice we offer. Forgive us our sins and guide our wavering hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Passion I(p. 148)

Communion antiphon

When I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all things to myself, says the Lord.

#### Post-Communion

Grant us the grace, almighty God, to set our hearts constantly on the things of heaven, so that we may always be worthy of receiving your sacrament. Through Christ our Lord.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTER FIFTH SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

Lord, my rescuer from the fury of my enemies, you will set me out of the reach of my assailants and save me from the oppressor.

#### Collect

O God of mercy, you have given your sons and daughters the grace to grow in holiness by their acts of penance. Flood our hearts with your light, increase our devotion, and listen favourably to our prayers. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice which you have given us to celebrate in your honour. Grant that it may also be a remedy for our weakness. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Passion I(p. 148)

#### Communion antiphon

God has brought us to the kingdom of his beloved Son. In him, through his blood, we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins.

#### Post-Communion

May the sacrament we have received, Lord, heal us by its grace, expelling sin from our hearts, and affording us constant strength and protection. Through Christ our Lord.

#### THURSDAY AFTER FIFTH SUNDAY

Entry antiphon

Christ is the mediator of the new covenant, so that those who are called may receive through his death the eternal inheritance that is promised them.

#### Collect

Listen, Lord, to our prayers, for we place all our hope in your mercy. Purify us from all stain of sin, so that we may always live holy lives, and receive in the end the inheritance you have promised us. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be moved to mercy, Lord, by this sacrifice we offer. May it gain for us the grace to reform our lives; may it bring salvation to the whole world. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Passion I (p. 148)

Communion antiphon

God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all. He has granted us to share with Christ in everything.

#### Post-Communion

You have given us, Lord, your holy sacrament to nourish us in this life. Grant that it may also enable us to share in eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

#### FRIDAY AFTER FIFTH SUNDAY

Entry antiphon

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in distress; rescue me and free me from the hands of my enemies and my oppressors.

Let me not be disappointed, Lord, for I have called out to you.

#### Collect

Forgive us, Lord, our sins, and in your mercy free us from the evil inclinations to which we are subject in our weakness. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, Lord, that we may always be worthy to take part in the Mass, and to receive in Holy Communion the source of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Passion I (p. 148)

#### Communion antiphon

Jesus bore our sins in his body on the Cross, so that we might die to sin and come alive to grace; by his wounds we have been healed.

#### Post-Communion

May the sacrament we have received, Lord, always be our safeguard, and keep all evil away from us. Through Christ our Lord.

#### SATURDAY AFTER FIFTH SUNDAY

#### Entry antiphon

Lord, do not refuse me your help; look at me and come to my defence. For I am a worm and no man, scorned by men and despised by the people.

#### Collect

O God, you never cease to impart to us your saving power, and at this season above all you give your people greater joy and more abundant grace. Show your love to those you have chosen, both those who are soon to be reborn in baptism, and those who are already baptized. Grant us all your help and protection. Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Almighty, eternal God, you have granted us the sacrament of baptism in which we profess our belief in you, and are born again to eternal life. Accept your people's offerings: grant our prayers and put an end to our sins, for we place all our hope in you. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Preface of the Passion I (p. 148)

#### Communion antiphon

Christ was given up, to gather together the children of God, who were scattered throughout the world.

#### Post-Communion

Almighty God, you have given us your Son's body and blood to be our food and drink. Give us also a share in your divine nature. Through Christ our Lord.

#### PALM SUNDAY

The Episcopal Conference of England and Wales has accepted the ICEL version of the Palm Sunday proper for the period 1971-1973

#### MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

#### Entry antiphon

Lord, judge the men who do me harm; defeat the men who attack me; take your arms and your shield and stand up in my defence; Lord, my strength, my rescuer.

#### Collect

Almighty God, we are frail and helpless. Grant that we may be renewed and strengthened by the saving Passion of your only Son: who lives and reigns with you.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Look favourably, Lord, upon our celebration of the Mass. In your mercy, you foresaw that it would save us from condemnation. Grant that it may prepare us to receive eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Preface of the Passion II (p. 149)

#### Communion antiphon

Do not turn your face from me; whenever I am in trouble, listen to me; whenever I call upon you, heed my prayer without delay.

#### Post-Communion

Come to your people, Lord, and in your ever-watchful love, keep from all harm the hearts united with you in this sacrament. You have given it to us in your mercy to heal us from sin: grant that we may always enjoy its protection. Through Christ our Lord.

#### TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

#### Entry antiphon

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses stood up against me, and invented evil charges against me.

#### Collect

Almighty, eternal God, help us so to celebrate the memorial of the Lord's Passion, that we may be found worthy of your favour. Through our Lord.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Be moved to pity, Lord, by your people's sacrifice. You give us a

share in your sacred gifts; grant that we may enjoy their fulness in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Passion II (p. 149)

Communion antiphon

God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all.

#### Post-Communion

Lord, you have given us the Bread of Heaven to strengthen us in this world. In your mercy grant that it may enable us to share in eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

#### WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

#### Entry antiphon

In the name of Jesus let every knee bow, in heaven, on earth, and in the world below; because the Lord was obedient to death, even to death on a cross.

Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

#### Collect

It was your will, O God, that your Son should undergo death on the Cross to free us from the power of the devil. Grant that, through his death, we may attain to a share in his resurrection: who lives and reigns with you.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Receive the gifts we offer, Lord, as we celebrate the mystery of your Son's Passion. Grant that its power may transform our lives. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Passion II (p. 149)

#### Communion antiphon

The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for all men.

#### Post-Communion

Almighty God, the Mass we have celebrated has proclaimed for us the death of your Son. Grant that it may increase our confidence in your promise of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

#### SACRED TRIDUUM

The Episcopal Conference of England and Wales has accepted the ICEL version of the propers of the Sacred Triduum for the period 1971–1973

#### Eastertide

#### EASTER SUNDAY

Entry antiphon

I have risen; I am still with you.

You have laid your hand upon me.

Your watchfulness over me has filled me with wonder, alleluia.

Or

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia;

to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever, alleluia.

#### Collect

O God, today, through your only Son, you conquered death and unlocked the gates of eternal life. Grant that, as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection, we too may rise again in your light and the new life of your Spirit. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

In the joy of Easter, Lord, we offer you this sacrifice by which your Church is wonderfully reborn and sustained. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter I (p. 149) during the octave

In the Roman Canon, during the whole octave: proper Communicantes and proper Hanc igitur.

Communion antiphon

Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed.

Let us, then, celebrate this festival

with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, alleluia.

#### Post-Communion

Guard your Church, Lord, in your never-failing mercy. May the celebration of Easter be a source of new life to us, so that we may come to share in the light of the risen Christ: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Throughout the octave a twofold Alleluia is added to the dismissal formula.

#### EASTER MONDAY

Entry antiphon

The Lord has led you into a land flowing with milk and honey, so that the law of the Lord may be always on your lips, alleluia.

Or

The Lord has risen from the dead as he himself foretold; let us rejoice and be glad,

because now he reigns for ever and ever, alleluia.

#### Collect

O God, you never cease to add new sons and daughters to your Church. Grant that all your people may remain true to the grace which they received through faith at baptism. Through our Lord.

The Credo is not said on the days within the octave

Prayer over the Offerings

In baptism, Lord, we professed our belief in you and were born to a new life. Accept our offerings and bring us to everlasting happiness in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

Christ, being raised from the dead,

will never die again.

Death no longer has dominion over him.

#### Post-Communion

May the grace of the Easter festival fill our souls, Lord. You have set us on the way to eternal salvation: make us worthy to receive the blessings you have promised us. Through Christ our Lord.

#### EASTER TUESDAY

Entry antiphon

He has given them the water of wisdom to drink.

He will not desert them or abandon his purpose.

He will glorify them for ever, alleluia.

#### Collect

O God, you have given us baptism to heal our sinfulness. Give us now yourself in Holy Communion, so that when we achieve the perfect freedom of heaven, we may receive in full the joy of the sacrament which gladdens us on earth. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

In your mercy, Lord, accept our offerings and keep us safe under your protection, so that we may hold fast to the blessed gifts you have given us, and achieve eternal happiness in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Communion antiphon

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,

where Christ is seated at the right hand of God; set your minds on things of heaven, alleluia.

#### Post-Communion

You have given us Holy Communion, Lord, to complete the

grace of baptism. Grant that it may make us worthy to receive the eternal happiness of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

#### WEDNESDAY IN EASTER OCTAVE

Entry antiphon

Come, you blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom which has been prepared for you from the beginning of the world, alleluia.

Collect

O God, you gladden us each year as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection. Grant that this celebration may help us to reach the joys of heaven. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, Lord, this sacrifice which redeems mankind. Look mercifully upon us and make us holy in body and soul. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, alleluia.

Post-Communion

We have received, Lord, your Son's holy sacrament. May it cleanse us from our old way of life, and make us new men. Through Christ our Lord.

#### THURSDAY IN EASTER OCTAVE

Entry antiphon

They have praised your conquering might, Lord. Your wisdom has opened the lips of the dumb and given eloquence to the tongues of children, alleluia.

Collect

O God, you have united all peoples of the world in proclaiming their belief in you, and brought them to a second birth in the water of baptism. Grant that we may be one in faith and in the holiness of our lives. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, Lord, this sacrifice which we offer to thank you for those who have been born again in baptism. Look upon them with mercy and come quickly to their aid. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

You are God's people: proclaim his great deeds; for he has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light, alleluia.

Listen, Lord, to our prayers, and grant that this Holy Communion, by which we receive your forgiveness, may help us in this life and bring us to the joys of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

#### FRIDAY IN EASTER OCTAVE

Entry antiphon

The Lord rescued his chosen people and gave them hope, and their enemies were drowned in the sea, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty, eternal God, you have given us the memorial of your Son's death and resurrection as a sign that you have brought the human race back to yourself. We proclaim that we believe this; grant that we may show our belief in our lives. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

You have given us, Lord, this sacrament of your Son's death and resurrection. May it free our hearts from earthly attachments and fill them with a longing for heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat; and he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

Post-Communion

In your goodness, Lord, never cease to protect your people whom you have saved. Your Son's Passion has redeemed us: may his resurrection fill us with joy. Through Christ our Lord.

#### SATURDAY IN EASTER OCTAVE

Entry antiphon

The Lord has led forth his people with joy, his chosen ones with rejoicing, alleluia.

Collect

O God, by your generous grace, you bring into your Church new members who believe in you. Look kindly upon the people whom you have chosen and brought to the new birth of baptism. Endow them with immortal life, and lead them to the joys of heaven. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrament of your Son's death and resurrection, Lord, be a continual source of joy and healing for us. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

All of you who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, alleluia.

### Post-Communion

Look kindly, Lord, upon your people. In your goodness you have given us this sacrament as a source of new life; grant that in the end we may rise again, body and soul, glorious and immortal. Through Christ our Lord.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Entry antiphon

Like new-born babes, seek the pure spiritual milk, on which you may grow up to salvation, alleluia.

Or

Receive the joy that awaits you in glory; give thanks to the God who has called you to the kingdom of heaven, alleluia.

### Collect

O God of unfailing mercy, each year at Easter you rekindle the faith of your people. Increase the grace you have given us, and grant us a true understanding of the baptism which purified us, the Spirit who gave us new life, and the Blood which redeemed us. Through our Lord.

Credo, as usual

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, Lord, these offerings your people make to you. When we were baptized and professed our faith in you, we were born to a new life. Grant that we may attain to everlasting happiness in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter I (p. 149); in the Roman Canon: Communicantes and Hanc igitur proper.

Communion antiphon

Put your hand here and feel the print of the nails, and do not be faithless but believe, alleluia.

Post-Communion

Grant us, almighty God, that our souls may always retain the grace of this sacrament of your Son's death and resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

Note: On weekdays of Eastertide when the ferial Mass is to be said, there is a proper Mass (see pp. 113 to 126)

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Entry antiphon

Let all the earth praise the Lord, glorifying him and singing hymns in his honour, alleluia.

### Collect

May we always rejoice, Lord, in the renewal of the youthful vigour of our souls. You have restored to us our joy and glory as your adopted sons and daughters: may we look forward to the day of our resurrection, in the hope of unfailing happiness. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, Lord, the gifts your Church offers to you in her rejoicing, and grant that the great joy you have given us may be crowned with eternal happiness in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter (p. 150)

Communion antiphon

Year 1

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, alleluia.

Year 2

It was necessary that Christ should suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

and that in his name repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached to all nations, alleluia.

Year 3

Jesus said to his disciples, Come and eat; and he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

Post-Communion

In your goodness, Lord, you have nourished your people with the bread of eternal life. Grant that at the Last Day our bodies may rise again in glory with a life that knows no decay. Through Christ our Lord.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Entry antiphon

The earth is full of the mercy of the Lord; by his word the heavens were made, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty, eternal God, lead us safely to a share in the joys of heaven. The Good Shepherd courageously opened the way; may we, his flock, humbly follow him there. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, Lord, that we may always find joy in this sacrament of your Son's death and resurrection, so that the grace of our redemp-

tion may ever be at work in our souls to bring us to the everlasting joy of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter (p. 150)

Communion antiphon

The Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for his sheep and in his love died for his flock, has risen from the dead, alleluia.

### Post-Communion

Good Shepherd, look with mercy upon the sheep of your flock which you redeemed with your Son's precious blood, and lead them to your pastures in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

# Entry antiphon

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds. He has revealed his mercy and justice before the eyes of all peoples, alleluia.

#### Collect

You have redeemed us, O God, and adopted us as your children. Look kindly upon your beloved sons and daughters who believe in Christ, and grant them true freedom and their eternal inheritance. Through our Lord.

# Prayer over the Offerings

Through this holy sacrifice, Lord, you have enabled us to share in your own divine life. You have taught us your truth: grant us the grace to live by it. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter (p. 150)

# Communion antiphon

I am the true vine; you are the branches, says the Lord.

He who abides in me, and I in him,

he it is that bears much fruit, alleluia.

## Post-Communion

You have nourished your people, Lord, with the Bread of Heaven: in your goodness grant us the grace to turn from our old ways to a new life. Through Christ our Lord.

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

# Entry antiphon

Proclaim the good news to the ends of the earth so that all may hear it:

the Lord has set his people free, alleluia.

#### Collect

Almighty God, give us lasting gladness in celebrating this joyful season when we honour our risen Lord. Grant that our annual commemoration of the resurrection may bear fruit in our lives. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

You have called us, Lord, to be your followers and washed away our sins. Accept our prayers and offerings, and make us worthy to receive the sacrament of your love. Through Christ our Lord. *Preface of Easter* (p. 150)

Communion antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord. I will ask the Father and he will give you another Comforter to be with you for ever, alleluia.

## Post-Communion

Almighty, eternal God, through your Son's resurrection you restore us to eternal life; you have given us his risen Body and Blood to be the food for our souls. Grant that the grace of this sacrament may grow within us and strengthen our hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

## THE ASCENSION

Entry antiphon

Men of Galilee, why do you stand in wonder gazing up to heaven?

He will come again in the same way as you saw him ascending to heaven, alleluia.

# Collect

Almighty God, fill our hearts with joy and gratitude at your Son's ascension, which is our triumph; for as our Head has gone before, we, the members of his Body, hope to follow him into glory: who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, we offer you this sacrifice in gratitude for your Son's glorious ascension. Grant that it may help us to lift up our hearts with him from the things of this world to those of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Ascension (p. 150)

In Roman Canon: Communicantes of the Ascension Communion antiphon

You will see, I am with you always, to the end of the world, alleluia.

#### Post-Communion

Almighty, eternal God, you allow us to share in the gifts of heaven while we are still on earth. Grant that our hearts may always rise up to you, for in you our humanity is glorified. Through Christ our Lord.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

Entry antiphon

Lord, hear my voice when I call to you;

my heart has spoken to you.

I have sought your face and I shall seek it again.

Do not turn your eyes away from me, alleluia.

#### Collect

We believe, Lord, that the Saviour of mankind is with you in your glory. Grant that we also may experience his abiding presence among us, as he promised, to the end of the world: who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, Lord, our prayers and our offerings. Grant that our loving worship may help us to reach the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Ascension (p. 150)

Communion antiphon

I ask you, Father,

that they may be one as we are one, alleluia.

# Post-Communion

We ask you, God our Saviour, that this holy sacrament may strengthen us in our hope that the glory which Christ our Head has already attained, will belong also to his whole Body the Church. Through Christ our Lord.

## VIGIL OF PENTECOST

This Mass is used for the evening of Saturday; for the morning Mass that of the Saturday of the Seventh Week of Eastertide is used.

Entry antiphon

The love of God fills our hearts

through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, alleluia.

The Gloria in excelsis is said

# Collect

Almighty, eternal God, in obedience to your will, we have celebrated the fifty days of the Easter season. Grant us now the gift of your Spirit, so that, though we are scattered all over the world and

speak many languages, we may be united in glorifying and thanking you. Through our Lord.

Or

Grant us the grace, almighty God, that the brightness of your glory may shine upon us. We have been born again by your grace; may your light and the light of the Holy Spirit enlighten and strengthen our hearts. Through our Lord.

The Credo is said

Prayer over the Offerings

Pour out the blessing of your Spirit, Lord, upon these gifts we offer you, so that your Church may be filled with your love, and proclaim to the whole world the truth of your salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Pentecost, as in the following Mass

In Roman Canon: Communicantes of Pentecost

Communion antiphon

On the last day of the feast Jesus stood up and cried out: If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink, alleluia.

Post-Communion

May this sacrament we have received from you, Lord, make us always feel the fire of the Spirit you poured out so wonderfully upon your Apostles. Through Christ our Lord.

## **PENTECOST**

Entry antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world; it is he who holds all things in being and understands every word that is spoken, alleluia.

Or:

The love of God fills our hearts through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, alleluia.

## Collect

O God, by the grace of today's feast you sanctify your Church in every country and every race. Pour out the gift of your Spirit throughout the world. The power of your grace was shown when first the Gospel was proclaimed; fill now with that same grace the hearts of your people who believe in you. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Almighty God, grant us the grace your Son promised; that the Holy Spirit may give us a deeper understanding of the sacrifice of the Mass, and reveal to us all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

# Preface

It is indeed right and fitting that heaven and earth should praise you, O God:

You have made us your adopted sons and daughters by making us one with your only Son; and to complete the mystery of his death and resurrection you gave us on this day your Holy Spirit.

At the moment of your Church's birth, your Spirit made your Godhead known to people of all nations, and though they spoke different tongues, united them in proclaiming the same faith.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you, with all the Angels and Saints, in these our Easter celebrations, as we joyfully proclaim:

In the Roman Canon: Communicantes of Pentecost

# Communion antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed the wonderful deeds of God, alleluia.

### Post-Communion

O God, preserve in your Church the grace you have given us in this sacrament. May the Holy Spirit you have poured out in our hearts always live within us, and may this Bread of Heaven make us ever more worthy to receive eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

At the end of Paschal Time it is fitting that the Paschal Candle be kept in a place of honour in the baptistery of the Church, and be used in the administration of Baptism so that the candles of those who have been baptized may be lit from it.

# MONDAY OF THE SECOND, FOURTH AND SIXTH WEEKS OF EASTERTIDE

# Entry antiphon

Christ has risen from the dead never to die again; death shall have no further power over him, alleluia.

# Collect—Week 2

Almighty, eternal God, we dare to call you Father. Give us a fuller share of the Spirit by which you have adopted us as your children, so that we may come into the inheritance you have promised us. Through our Lord.

#### Collect-Week 4

O God, when the world was prostrate, you raised it up again through your Son's lowliness. You have rescued us from our slavery to sin: grant us the happiness that lasts for ever. Through our Lord.

## Collect—Week 6

O God, we are celebrating the Mass, which your Son gave us at his Last Supper: in your mercy grant that we may always find in it a source of grace. Through our Lord.

# Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, Lord, the gifts your Church offers to you in her rejoicing, and grant that the great joy you have given us may be crowned with eternal happiness in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

# Preface of Easter (p. 150)

# Communion antiphon

Jesus came and stood among his disciples, and said: Peace be with you, alleluia.

### Post-Communion

Look kindly, Lord, upon your people. In your goodness you have given us this sacrament as a source of new life: grant that in the end we may rise again, body and soul, glorious and immortal. Through Christ our Lord.

# TUESDAY OF THE SECOND, FOURTH AND SIXTH WEEKS OF EASTERTIDE

## Entry antiphon

Let us rejoice and exult and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

# Collect-Week 2

Help us, almighty God, to proclaim the power of our risen Lord. He has given us the Mass as a pledge of the blessings he has in store for us: grant that we may receive them in their fulness in heaven. Through our Lord.

# Collect-Week 4

Grant us the grace, almighty God, that by celebrating our Lord's resurrection we may worthily receive the joys of our redemption. Through our Lord.

# Collect—Week 6

May we always rejoice, Lord, in the renewal of the youthful vigour of our souls. You have restored to us the joy and glory of being your adopted sons and daughters: may we look forward to the

day of our resurrection in the hope of unfailing happiness. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, Lord, that we may always find joy in this sacrament of your Son's death and resurrection, so that the grace of our redemption may ever be at work in our souls to bring us to the everlasting joy of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter (p. 150)

Communion antiphon

It was necessary for Christ to suffer and rise from the dead so as to enter into his glory, alleluia.

Post-Communion

Listen, Lord, to our prayers, and grant that this Holy Communion, by which we receive your forgiveness, may help us in this life and bring us to the joys of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

# WEDNESDAY OF THE SECOND, FOURTH AND SIXTH WEEKS OF EASTERTIDE

Entry antiphon

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;

I will proclaim your name among my people, alleluia.

Collect—Week 2

Lord, each year at this time we celebrate the sacred events by which the human race was restored to its lost dignity and gained the hope of resurrection. Grant that we may possess in love this salvation which we commemorate in our faith. Through our Lord.

Collect—Week 4

O God, you are the life of the faithful, the glory of the humble, the delight of the redeemed. We thirst for the fulfilment of your promise: satisfy our thirst, we pray, with the riches of your grace. Through our Lord.

Collect—Week 6

At this season, Lord, we celebrate your Son's resurrection: grant that with all the Saints we may be able to rejoice at his Second Coming: who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Through this holy sacrifice, Lord, you have enabled us to share in your own divine life. You have taught us your truth: grant us the grace to live by it. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter (p. 150)

## Communion antiphon

I chose you out of the world, says the Lord: I appointed you to go and bear fruit, and your fruit will remain after you.

### Post-Communion

You have nourished your people, Lord, with the Bread of Heaven: in your goodness grant us the grace to turn from our old ways to a new life. Through Christ our Lord.

# THURSDAY OF THE SECOND AND FOURTH WEEKS OF EASTERTIDE

# Entry antiphon

When you came out, Lord, at the head of your people, marching with them, and living among them, the earth trembled and the skies poured down rain, alleluia.

## Collect-Week 2

O God, we are celebrating the Mass, which your Son gave us at his Last Supper: in your mercy grant that we may always find in it a source of grace. Through our Lord.

### Collect-Week 4

O God, you have raised human nature to a dignity above its original state. Look favourably upon this sacrament of the Eucharist which you have given us in your kindness. You have brought us to a new birth in baptism: through the Mass keep your grace ever safe within us. Through our Lord.

# Prayer over the Offerings

You have called us, Lord, to be your followers and washed away our sins. Accept our prayers and offerings, and make us worthy to receive the sacrament of your love. Through Christ our Lord.

# Preface of Easter (p. 150)

# Communion antiphon

You will see, I am with you always, to the end of the world, alleluia.

# Post-Communion

Almighty, eternal God, through your Son's resurrection you restore us to eternal life; you have given us his risen Body and Blood to be the food for our souls. Grant that the grace of this sacrament may grow within us and strengthen our hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

# FRIDAY OF THE SECOND, FOURTH AND SIXTH WEEKS OF EASTERTIDE

# Entry antiphon

Lord, with your blood, you have redeemed us, men of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and made us a kingdom of priests for our God, alleluia.

#### Collect—Week 2

It was your will, O God, that your Son should undergo death on the Cross to free us from the power of the devil. Grant that, through his death, we may attain to a share in his resurrection: who lives and reigns with you.

### Collect-Week 4

O God, source of our freedom and of our salvation, you have redeemed us by your Son's blood. Grant us the grace to live according to your will and, united with you, to enjoy your unceasing protection. Through our Lord.

### Collect-Week 6

O God, you have granted us a share in your Son's resurrection, and so restored us to everlasting life. Lift our minds up to our Saviour, where he is seated at your right hand. When he comes again in his majesty, may we, who have been born again in baptism, be clothed with eternal joy. Through our Lord.

# Prayer over the Offerings

In your mercy, Lord, accept our offerings and keep us safe under your protection, so that we may hold fast to the blessed gifts you have given us, and achieve eternal happiness in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter (p. 150) in weeks 2 and 4; Preface of the Ascension (p. 150) in week 6.

# Communion antiphon

Christ our Lord was put to death for our sins and rose again for our sanctification, alleluia.

## Post-Communion

In your goodness, Lord, never cease to protect your people whom you have saved. Your Son's Passion has redeemed us; may his resurrection fill us with joy. Through Christ our Lord.

# SATURDAY OF THE SECOND, FOURTH AND SIXTH WEEKS OF EASTERTIDE

Entry antiphon

You are the people of God. Proclaim his great deeds, for he has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light, alleluia.

### Collect—Week 2

O God, you have redeemed us, and adopted us as your beloved children. Look mercifully upon us, for we believe in Christ, and grant us true freedom and an eternal inheritance. Through our Lord.

## Collect—Week 4

Almighty, eternal God, you have given us new life through our baptism. With your protection and help may your Son's death and resurrection always bear fruit in our lives and lead us to the joys of heaven. Through our Lord.

## Collect-Week 6

O God, at his Ascension your Son promised to send the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. They received from heaven the gift of tongues: grant us also the gifts of the Spirit. Through our Lord.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, sanctify these gifts, accept this spiritual sacrifice, and make us ourselves an everlasting gift to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter (p. 150) in weeks 2 and 4; Preface of the Ascension (p. 150) in week 6

# Communion antiphon

Father, I wish those you have given me to be where I am, so that they may be with me

to see the glory you have given me, alleluia.

# Post-Communion

We have received, Lord, the sacrament you have given us. Your Son commanded us to celebrate it in his memory: may it make us grow in love. Through Christ our Lord.

# MONDAY OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH WEEKS OF EASTERTIDE

## Entry antiphon

He has risen, the good shepherd, who loved his flock so much that he laid down his life for his sheep, alleluia.

# Collect—Week 3

O God, when we go astray, you show us the light of truth to

lead us back to our right path. Grant that all who profess the name of Christian may reject whatever is not worthy of their calling, and seek to live in keeping with it. Through our Lord.

### Collect-Week 5

O God, you unite the hearts of all your faithful. Teach us to love what you command, and to long for what you promise, so that amid the delights of this life, we may keep our hearts set firmly on the true joys of heaven. Through our Lord.

# Prayer over the Offerings

You have called us, Lord, to be your followers and washed away our sins. Accept our prayers and offerings, and make us worthy to receive the sacrament of your love. Through Christ our Lord.

# Preface of Easter (p. 150)

# Communion antiphon

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives, alleluia.

#### Post-Communion

Almighty, eternal God, through your Son's resurrection you restore us to eternal life; you have given us his risen Body and Blood to be the food for our souls. Grant that the grace of this sacrament may grow within us and strengthen our hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

# TUESDAY OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH WEEKS OF EASTERTIDE

# Entry antiphon

Praise our God, all you who fear him, small and great; for the salvation and the power and the reign of our Saviour have been established, alleluia.

# Collect—Week 3

O God, you open the gates of the kingdom of heaven for your people who have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and wash away all their sins. Make the grace you have given them grow within them, so that they may receive all the blessings that in your goodness you have promised. Through our Lord.

# Collect-Week 5

O God, by your Son's resurrection you restore your people to eternal life. Make us steadfast in faith and hope, so that we may believe without doubting in the truth of your promises. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, Lord, the gifts your Church offers to you in her rejoicing, and grant that the great joy you have given us may be crowned with eternal happiness in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter (p. 150)

Communion antiphon

We believe that, if we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him, alleluia.

#### Post-Communion

In your goodness, Lord, you have nourished your people with the bread of eternal life. Grant that at the Last Day our bodies may rise again in glory with a life that knows no decay. Through Christ our Lord.

# WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH WEEKS OF EASTERTIDE

Entry antiphon

Put your praise on my tongue so that I may sing of it; let my lips rejoice in my song, alleluia.

Collect—Week 3

You have given your people, Lord, the gift of faith: listen favourably now to our prayers, and grant that we may share for ever in the resurrection of your Son: who lives and reigns with you.

Collect—Week 5

Lord, you love innocence of heart, and when it is lost, you alone can restore it. You have rescued us from the darkness of unbelief. Turn our hearts to you always, and never let us abandon the light of your truth. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, Lord, that we may always find joy in this sacrament of your Son's death and resurrection, so that the grace of our redemption may ever be at work in our souls to bring us to the everlasting joy of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter (p. 150)

Communion antiphon

The Lord has risen and flooded us with his light, for he has redeemed us with his own blood, alleluia.

Post-Communion

Listen, Lord, to our prayers, and grant that this Holy Communion, by which we receive your forgiveness, may help us in this life and bring us to the joys of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

# THURSDAY OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH WEEKS OF EASTERTIDE

Entry antiphon

Let us sing to the Lord, for he is glorious and triumphant.

The Lord is my strength and my pride, and he has become my salvation, alleluia.

Collect—Week 3

Almighty, eternal God, at this season you reveal to us the depth of your love: grant that we may experience its effects more fully. You have rescued us from the darkness of error: make us more constant in our hold on your truth. Through our Lord.

Collect—Week 5

Your grace, Lord, makes sinners holy, and gives happiness to the wretched. Stir our hearts and be generous with your gifts. You have sanctified us through faith: grant us courage and perseverance. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Through this holy sacrifice, Lord, you have enabled us to share in your own divine life. You have taught us your truth: grant us the grace to live by it. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter (p. 150)

Communion antiphon

Christ died for all men,

so that the living might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and rose again, alleluia.

Post-Communion

You have nourished your people, Lord, with the Bread of Heaven: in your goodness grant us the grace to turn from our old ways to a new life. Through Christ our Lord.

# FRIDAY OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH WEEKS OF EASTERTIDE

Entry antiphon

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive divine power and wisdom and might and honour, alleluia.

Collect—Week 3

Almighty God, you have revealed to us your Son's resurrection. Grant that by the love which your Holy Spirit inspires in us, we too may rise again to new life. Through our Lord.

Collect—Week 5

Make us worthy, Lord, to receive the sacrament of your Son's

death and resurrection. We celebrate it with joy: grant that it may always protect us and keep us holy. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, sanctify these gifts, accept this spiritual sacrifice, and make us ourselves an everlasting gift to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter (p. 150)

Communion antiphon

Christ who was crucified has risen from the dead and so redeemed us, alleluia.

Post-Communion

We have received, Lord, the sacrament you have given us. Your Son commanded us to celebrate it in his memory: may it make us grow in love. Through Christ our Lord.

# SATURDAY OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH WEEKS OF EASTERTIDE

Entry antiphon

You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you have also risen with him

through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead, alleluia.

Collect—Week 3

O God, protect the people whom you have brought to new life in the waters of baptism. Help them to overcome every falsehood that threatens them so that they may always stand firm in your love and your grace. Through our Lord.

Collect-Week 5

Almighty, eternal God, you have chosen us to be born again in baptism and to receive the life of grace; in this way you have endowed us with holiness and made us capable of receiving eternal life. Guide us now, we pray, so that we may come to enjoy your gifts to the full in heaven. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

In your mercy, Lord, accept our offerings and keep us safe under your protection, so that we may hold fast to the blessed gifts you have given us, and achieve eternal happiness in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Easter (p. 150)

Communion antiphon

Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me, said the Lord, alleluia.

#### Post-Communion

In your goodness, Lord, never cease to protect your people whom you have saved. Your Son's Passion has redeemed us: may his resurrection fill us with joy. Through Christ our Lord.

## MONDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

Entry antiphon

You shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit

when he comes down upon you;

and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth, alleluia.

### Collect

May the power of the Holy Spirit, Lord, come upon us, so that we may know and love your will and follow it by the holiness of our lives. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, Lord, that this perfect sacrifice may cleanse our hearts and fill them with the strength of your grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Ascension (p. 150)

Communion antiphon

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord:

I shall come back to you, and your heart will be glad, alleluia.

## Post-Communion

You have nourished your people, Lord, with the Bread of Heaven: in your goodness grant us the grace to turn from our old ways to a new life. Through Christ our Lord.

# TUESDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

Entry antiphon

I am the First and the Last and the Living One:

I died, but, see, I am alive for evermore, alleluia.

## Collect

Almighty, eternal God, grant, we pray, that your Holy Spirit may come to dwell within us and make us temples of his glory. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, Lord, the prayers and offerings that we your people lovingly offer you, and grant that they may help us to attain to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Ascension (p. 150)

Communion antiphon

The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you all things and bring to your mind all that I have told you, said the Lord, alleluia.

### Post-Communion

We have received, Lord, the sacrament you have given us. Your Son commanded us to celebrate it in his memory: may it make us grow in love. Through Christ our Lord.

# WEDNESDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE Entry antiphon

Rejoice, all you nations; sing to God with songs of joy, alleluia.

### Collect

God of mercy, you gather your Church together by the gift of your Holy Spirit. Grant that we may seek you with one heart and one mind. Through our Lord.

# Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, you have given your Church the sacrifice of the Mass, so that in celebrating it we may pay you the worship we owe you. Accept this sacrifice now, and complete in us your redeeming work. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Ascension (p. 150)

## Communion antiphon

When the Paraclete comes, whom I will send you, the Spirit of truth who goes forth from the Father, he will be my witness, as you are to be my witnesses, said the Lord, alleluia.

## Post-Communion

Lord, you have given us a share in your holy sacrament. Grant that it may increase your grace within us and free us from our sins, so that we may become ever more worthy to receive so great a gift. Through Christ our Lord.

# THURSDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

## Entry antiphon

With confidence let us draw near to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find help in time of need, alleluia.

## Collect

May your Spirit, Lord, we pray, pour out his gifts generously upon us so that he may make our hearts pleasing to you and teach us to do your will more faithfully. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, sanctify these gifts, accept this spiritual sacrifice, and make us ourselves an everlasting gift to you. Through Christ our Lord.

*Preface of the Ascension (p. 150)* 

Communion antiphon

I tell you the truth: it is for your good that I go away,

for if I do not go away,

the Paraclete will not come to you, said the Lord, alleluia.

Post-Communion

May this sacrament we have shared, Lord, enlighten our minds and renew our hearts, so that we may be worthy to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

# FRIDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

Entry antiphon

The Lord has loved us and washed from us our sins in his blood, and made us a priestly people

for God his Father, alleluia.

### Collect

O God, you have opened for us the door to eternity by glorifying our Saviour and enlightening us with the Holy Spirit. Grant that through this gift we may come to love you more and grow in faith. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look mercifully, Lord, we pray, upon your people's offerings. May the coming of the Holy Spirit cleanse our hearts and make these offerings pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Ascension (p. 150)

Communion antiphon

When the Spirit of Truth comes

he will teach you all truth, said the Lord, alleluia.

Post-Communion

O God, you have given us this sacrament to purify and nourish us. Grant, we pray, that the strength it imparts may bring us to everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord.

# SATURDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE (at Morning Mass)

Entry antiphon

The disciples with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers, alleluia.

#### Collect

Almighty God, we have celebrated the paschal season. Grant us the grace to make it an abiding reality in our daily lives. Through our Lord.

# Prayer over the Offerings

May your Holy Spirit come upon us, Lord, and prepare our hearts to receive your heavenly sacrament, for he is the forgiveness of all our sins. Through Christ our Lord.

# Preface of the Ascension (p. 150)

# Communion antiphon

The Holy Spirit will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you, said the Lord, alleluia.

## Post-Communion

Lord, you have delivered us from our past sins and given us access to your sacraments. Help each of us to lay aside his old life and in your mercy renew and sanctify our hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

# Proper of the Saints

NOTE: During Lent, except on Ash Wednesday and during Holy Week, a Memoria may be celebrated by saying its Collect in the ferial Mass — the other parts of the Mass of the Memoria are not used.

10th February: ST SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN Optional Memoria Collect

Lord, we are celebrating the feast of your virgin Saint Scholastica. Grant that we may follow her example and serve you with single-hearted devotion, and so experience the joy of your love in heaven. Through our Lord.

11th February: OUR LADY OF LOURDES Optional Memoria Collect

Father of mercy, we are celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Mother of God. Through her intercession, support us in our weakness and help us to recover from the disease of our sins. Through our Lord.

14th February: Optional Memoria ST CYRIL, MONK, AND ST METHODIUS, BISHOP Collect

O God, you chose the holy brothers Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius to spread the light of the Gospel among the Slavonic people. Grant that we may take your teaching to heart, and that we may be united as your people in our loyalty to the faith. Through our Lord.

17th February: Optional Memoria THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER Collect

Lord, fill our hearts with the love which inspired the seven holy brothers to honour the Mother of God and to help your people grow in holiness. Through our Lord.

21st February: Optional Memoria ST PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP AND DOCTOR

Collect

Help us, almighty God, to follow the teaching and example of your bishop Saint Peter Damian. Grant that Christ may have first place in our hearts, so that we may give ourselves to the service of your Church and rejoice at last in the eternal light of heaven. Through our Lord.

22nd February: THE SEE OF ST PETER, APOSTLE Feast Entry antiphon

The Lord said to Simon Peter:

I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail, and after you have repented, you must strengthen your brethren.

Collect

Almighty God, you have established us firmly on the rock of Saint Peter's profession of faith. Grant that in the face of all onslaughts we may stand unshaken. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

In your goodness, Lord, accept the prayers and offerings of the Church, your flock. Grant that with Saint Peter to guide us, we may reach our eternal inheritance, and that with him to teach us, we may hold unreservedly to the true faith. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Apostles (p. 64\*)

Communion antiphon

Peter said to Jesus:

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God;

and Jesus answered him:

You are Peter, and on you, the Rock, I will build my Church.

Post-Communion

O God, on the feast of your apostle Saint Peter, you have nourished us with your Son's Body and Blood. Grant that this redeeming sacrifice may create among us a bond of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

23rd February:

Optional Memoria

ST POLYCARP, BISHOP and MARTYR

Collect

O God, creator of the world, you added your bishop Saint Polycarp to the ranks of your martyrs. Grant through his intercession, that we may join him in drinking Christ's cup of suffering and rising to eternal life. Through our Lord.

4th March:

ST CASIMIR

Optional Memoria

Collect

Almighty God, in serving you Saint Casimir was a true king. Grant us through his prayers, that we too may serve you always in holiness and justice. Through our Lord.

7th March:

Optional Memoria

SS PERPETUA and FELICITY, MARTYRS

Collect

O God, it was love of you that drove your holy martyrs Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity to defy persecution and overcome torture. Grant us through their prayers, that our love for you may never cease to grow. Through our Lord.

8th March: ST JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS Optional Memoria Collect

Lord, you gave Saint John of God a compassionate heart. Grant that we too may show our love for others in our deeds, and so be found worthy to join your Saints in your Kingdom. Through our Lord.

9th March: Optional Memoria ST FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

Collect

O God, you have given us in Saint Frances of Rome an example of great holiness in marriage and in the religious life. Make us persevere in your service, so that in all the circumstances of our lives we may see your face and follow you. Through our Lord.

17th March: ST PATRICK, BISHOP Optional Memoria Collect

O God, you sent Saint Patrick, your bishop, to the people of Ireland to preach your glory. Grant by his merits and prayers that we who are proud to bear the name of Christian, may at all times make your glory known to men. Through our Lord.

18th March: Optional Memoria ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR

Collect

O God, by your bishop Saint Cyril of Jerusalem you have led your Church to understand more deeply the mysteries of salvation. Grant at his intercession, that we may so grow in knowledge of your Son that we may come to share in the fullness of his Divine life: who lives and reigns with you.

19th March: Solemnity
ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF OUR LADY

(When this feast is kept after Easter, Alleluia is added to the Entry and Communion antiphons)

Entry antiphon

He is the prudent and trusted servant, whom the Lord placed over his household.

Collect

O God, you entrusted the Child Jesus, the author of our salvation, to Saint Joseph's faithful care. At his intercession grant us grace always to follow the teaching of your Son, and to seek the salvation that he promised. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, Lord, that as Saint Joseph served with loving care your only Son, born of the Virgin Mary, we may be worthy with pure hearts to serve you at your altar. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Saint Joseph (p. 150)

Communion antiphon

Well done, my good and faithful servant; come and share the joy of your Lord.

Post-Communion

Lord God our Father, you have nourished your family with food from this altar on the feast of Saint Joseph: mercifully grant us your protection for ever, and enable us to glorify you through the gifts you have given us. Through Christ our Lord.

23rd March:

Optional Memoria

ST TURIBIUS OF MONGROVEJO, BÎSHOP

Collect

O God, you have enriched your Church by the apostolic labours of your bishop Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo and by his zeal for the truth. Grant that we who are consecrated to you, may grow continually in faith and holiness. Through our Lord.

25th March: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Solemnity
(When this feast is kept after Easter, Alleluia is added to the
Entry and Communion Antiphons)

Entry antiphon

At his coming into the world the Lord said:

O God, see, I have come to do your will.

Collect

O God, you willed that your Divine Word should take flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Grant, we pray, that as we acknowledge our redeemer to be both God and man, we may become worthy to share in his divinity: who lives and reigns.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, almighty God, the offerings of your Church. The incarnation of your only Son, which we celebrate today, was the beginning of her own life: may we find joy in celebrating the mysteries that he instituted: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface

It is indeed right and fitting that heaven and earth should praise you, O God, through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

The Virgin heard and believed the words of the heavenly messenger

that by the power of the Holy Spirit

Christ would be born into the world for the sake of men; with boundless love she carried him in her spotless womb, so that the promises made to the people of Israel might come true,

and the desires of all mankind might be fulfilled in a way beyond all telling.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you, with all the Angels and Saints, as we joyfully proclaim:

# Communion antiphon

Behold, a virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and he will be called Emmanuel.

#### Post-Communion

Strengthen us, Lord, by this sacrament, in our profession of the true faith. As we acknowledge your Son to have been conceived, true God and true man, in the womb of a Virgin, may we be enabled, by the saving power of his resurrection, to attain to eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

2nd April:

Optional Memoria

# ST FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT

## Collect

O God, you are the glory of those who lead a humble life, and you have raised Saint Francis of Paola into the glory of your saints. Grant, we pray, that profiting by his merits and following his example, we may receive the rewards that you have promised to the humble. Through our Lord.

(NOTE: During Eastertide one Alleluia is added to the Entry and Communion antiphons except where the antiphon already finishes with this word)

4th April:

Optional Memoria

ST ISIDORE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR

Common of Pastors III (p. 49\*) or Doctors I (p. 51\*), except:

# Collect

Lord, hear the prayers we offer on the feast of Saint Isidore, a Doctor of your Church. As we are enlightened by his teaching, may we be supported by his prayers. Through our Lord.

5th April: ST VINCENT FERRER, PRIEST Optional Memoria Common of Pastors X (p. 50\*), except:

Collect

O God, you raised up Saint Vincent Ferrer, your priest, to serve you in preaching the gospel, and to proclaim the coming of Christ to judge the world. Grant that we may attain to the joy of heaven, and there see Christ enthroned in glory: who lives and reigns with you.

7th April: Memoria

ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, PRIEST

(kept as an Optional Memoria when this date occurs during Lent) Common of Pastors V(p, 49\*) or Holy Men and Women X(p, 54\*), except:

Collect

O God, you chose your priest Saint John Baptist de la Salle for the work of educating young Christians. We pray you to give your Church devoted teachers who will bring up the young in the love of Christ and of their fellow men. Through our Lord.

11th April: Optional Memoria ST STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Common of Martyrs X(p. 143) or Pastors III (p. 49\*), except:

Collect

O God, for your honour Saint Stanislaus, your bishop, was killed by the swords of his persecutors. Grant, we pray, that we like him may persevere strong in the faith until we die. Through our Lord.

13th April: Optional Memoria

ST MARTIN I, POPE AND MARTYR

Common of Martyrs X(p. 143) or Pastors I(p. 49\*), except: Collect

O God, the pope and martyr Saint Martin suffered threats and torture and, by your grace, endured them without fear. Grant that we also may bear steadfastly all that threatens us in this life. Through our Lord.

Optional Memoria 21st April: ST ANSELM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR

Common of Pastors III (p. 49\*) or Doctors I (p. 51\*) except:

Collect

O God, you enabled your bishop Saint Anselm to enquire into the deep secrets of your wisdom, and to lead men to understand them more fully. Grant that the light of faith may always shine in our minds, so that our hearts may find joy in the doctrines of our faith. Through our Lord.

23rd April: ST GEORGE, MARTYR Optional Memoria Common of Martyrs X (p. 143) except:

Collect

Lord, source of all power, we pray that Saint George, who imitated in his sufferings the Passion of our Lord, may help us in our weakness with his prayers. Through our Lord.

24th April: Optional Memoria ST FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, PRIEST AND MARTYR Common of Martvrs X (p. 143) or Pastors V (p. 49\*) except:

Collect

O God, Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen burned with the fire of your love, and you granted him a martyr's crown in the land where he preached. Grant that we, like him, being rooted in love, may be found worthy to know the power of Christ's resurrection. Through our Lord.

25th April: ST MARK, EVANGELIST Feast

Entry antiphon

Go out into the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.

Collect

O God, you filled Saint Mark, your evangelist, with divine grace in the work of preaching the Gospel. Grant, we pray, that we may learn from his teaching to walk faithfully in the footsteps of Christ: who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of our praise in honour of Saint Mark, your evangelist; and we humbly pray you to give your Church grace always to persevere in preaching the Gospel. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Apostles II (p. 64\*)

Communion antiphon

Be certain of this, said the Lord:

I shall be with you always, even to the end of the world.

Post-Communion

May the gifts that we have received from your altar sanctify us, O God, and make us strong in the faith of the Gospel which Saint Mark proclaimed. Through Christ our Lord.

28th April:

Optional Memoria

ST PETER CHANEL, PRIEST AND MARTYR

Common of Martyrs X (p. 143) or Pastors X (p. 50\*) except: Collect

O God, to further the growth of your Church you gave to Saint Peter Chanel a crown of martyrdom. Enable us at this time of Easter joy, so to celebrate the mysteries of Christ's death and resurrection, that we may become worthy to share in the new life that he has won for us: who lives and reigns with you.

29th April: ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA, VIRGIN Memoria Entry antiphon

This saint was one of those wise and prudent virgins who were ready to meet Christ with their lamps burning.

#### Collect

O God, you filled Saint Catherine of Sienna with the fire of divine love in contemplation of our Lord's Passion and in the service of your Church. Grant at her intercession that your people, united in the body of Christ, may rejoice for ever to see his glory: who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, Lord, the sacrifice that brings us salvation. May we learn from the teaching of Saint Catherine, whose feast we celebrate today, to give thanks more fervently to you, the true God. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion antiphon

If we lead our lives in the light, as God himself is the true Light, we shall have fellowship with one another; and the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, will cleanse us from all sin.

## Post-Communion

Lord, we have received the heavenly food that sustained Saint Catherine during her life on earth: may it bring us to eternal life in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

30th April: ST PIUS V, POPE Optional Memoria
Common of Pastors I (p. 49\*) except:
Collect

O God, you set Saint Pius as head of your Church on earth, to defend her faith and to make the worship that she offers to you more worthy. Grant at his intercession that we who take part in the

mysteries of the Mass, may grow continually in faith and love. Through our Lord.

1st May: ST JOSEPH THE WORKER Optional Memoria

Entry antiphon

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and live according to his commands; You will eat what your hands have earned, you will be happy and see prosperity.

Collect

O God, creator of all things, by your law you have made it the duty of man that he should work. Grant, we pray, that under Saint Joseph's patronage and following his example, we may faithfully perform the tasks that you give us, and receive the rewards that you promise. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, source of all mercy, look favourably on the gifts that we offer on the feast of Saint Joseph, and mercifully grant that these offerings may bring us the help for which we pray. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Saint Joseph (p. 150)

Communion antiphon

Whatever you speak, whatever you do, say it or do it in the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God.

Post-Communion

You have fed us, Lord, with food from heaven. May we, following the example of Saint Joseph, continually carry with us in our hearts these pledges of your love, and enjoy their fruit which is everlasting peace. Through Christ our Lord.

2nd May: Memoria

ST ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR

Common of Pastors III (p. 49\*) or Doctors I (p. 51\*) except: Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by your power Saint Athanasius your bishop became a mighty advocate of your Son's divinity. Grant that we may be enlightened by his teaching and supported by his prayers, and so grow continually in knowledge and love of you. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favourably, Lord, on the offerings that we make to you on

the feast of Saint Athanasius. May we keep undefiled the faith that he taught, and in professing your truth, may we win our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

## Post-Communion

Grant we pray, almighty God, that the divinity of your Son, which with Saint Athanasius we steadfastly profess, may through this sacrament continually give us life and protect us. Through Christ our Lord.

3rd May:

SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

Feast

Entry antiphon

These holy men were chosen by the Lord because their love was sincere; he gave them eternal glory, alleluia.

## Collect

You give us joy, O God, in the yearly festival of your apostles Philip and James. Grant by their prayers that we may be found worthy to share in the Passion and resurrection of your only Son, and so come to look on you for ever in heaven. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, Lord, the gifts we offer you on the feast of your apostles, Philip and James, and grant that our service of you may be pure and undefiled. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Apostles (p. 64\*)

Communion antiphon

Lord, show us the Father and we shall be satisfied. Philip, anyone who sees me, sees my Father, alleluia.

# Post-Communion

Purify our minds, we pray you holy Lord, by the gifts we have received. With your apostles Philip and James, grant us grace to contemplate you in your Son, and to be found worthy of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

12th May:

Optional Memoria

SS NEREUS AND ACHILLES, MARTYRS

Common of Martyrs VIII (p. 143) except:

Collect

Almighty God, grant, we pray, that your glorious martyrs Nereus and Achilles, who stood firm in confessing the faith, may support us continually with their prayers. Through our Lord. Common of Martyrs X (p. 143) except:

Collect

May your Church, O God, supported by the prayers of your martyr Saint Pancras, remain always faithful to you, and be protected from all dangers. Through our Lord.

14th May:

ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

Feast

Entry antiphon

You did not choose me,

but I chose you to go and bear fruit, and your fruit will last, alleluia.

Collect

By your will, O God, Saint Matthias was received into the fellowship of your apostles. Grant at his intercession, that we on whom you have bestowed your love, may be found worthy to be counted among those you have chosen. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, Lord, the gifts that your Church humbly offers on the feast of Saint Matthias, and strengthen us through them with the power of your grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Apostles (p. 64\*)

Communion antiphon

This is my command to you, says the Lord: that you love one another as I have loved you.

Post-Communion

We pray you, Lord, continually to nourish your family with your divine gifts, and at the intercession of Saint Matthias, mercifully receive us into the fellowship of your saints in light. Through Christ our Lord.

18th May: ST JOHN I, POPE AND MARTYR Optional Memoria Common of Martyrs X (p. 143) or Pastors I (p. 49\*) except: Collect

O God, the rewarder of faithful souls, you have made this day holy by the martyrdom of Pope Saint John. Hear the prayers of your people, and grant that we who honour his sanctity may follow his example of constancy in the faith. Through our Lord.

20th May:

Optional Memoria

ST BERNARDINE OF SIENNA, PRIËST

Common of Pastors X (p. 50\*) except:

Collect

O God, you filled your priest Saint Bernardine of Sienna with a

great love for the holy name of Jesus. Grant by his merits and prayers, that the fire of your love may burn continually in our hearts. Through our Lord.

25th May: Optional Memoria

ST BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST AND DOCTOR Common of Doctors I (p. 51\*) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 52\*) except:

Collect

O God, by the teaching of your priest Saint Bede the Venerable you give light to your Church. Mercifully grant to us your servants that we may always be helped by the power of his merits, and be guided by his wisdom. Through our Lord.

ST GREGORY VII, POPE Optional Memoria
Common of Pastors I (p. 49\*) except:
Collect

O God, you gave to Pope Saint Gregory a courageous spirit and an ardent love of justice. Grant these virtues to your Church, so that she may condemn all that is unjust, and with generous love persevere in doing what is right. Through our Lord.

ST MARY MAGDALEN OF PAZZI, VIRGIN Optional Memoria Common of Virgins I (p. 51\*) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 52\*) except:

Collect

O God, lover of virginity, the holy virgin Mary Magdalen of Pazzi burned with the fire of your love, and you rewarded her with gifts from heaven. Grant us grace to follow her example of purity and love. Through our Lord.

26th May: ST PHILIP NERI, PRIEST Memoria Common of Pastors V (p. 49\*) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 52\*) except:

Collect

From age to age, O God, you raise your faithful servants into the glorious company of the Saints. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may kindle in us the fire with which he wonderfully pierced the heart of Saint Philip Neri. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

We offer to you, O God, the sacrifice of praise. May we, following Saint Philip's example, devote ourselves with joy unceasingly to the service of our neighbour, and to giving glory to you. Through Christ our Lord.

#### Post-Communion

You have fed us, Lord, with food from heaven. May we, following Saint Philip's example, continually seek to know you, who are the source of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

27th May:

Optional Memoria

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

Common of Pastors III (p. 49\*) or X(p. 50\*) except:

Collect

O God, by the preaching of your bishop Saint Augustine of Canterbury you led the English nation to the knowledge of the Gospel. Grant, we pray, that his work may continue to bear fruit in your Church. Through our Lord.

31st May: THE VISITATION OF OUR LADY

Feast

Entry antiphon

Come and listen, all you that fear the Lord; I will tell you all that God has done for me.

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit led the blessed Virgin Mary, before she gave birth to your Son, to visit Elizabeth her cousin. Grant that we may always obey the prompting of your Spirit, and like the blessed Virgin, give glory continually to you. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, you were pleased with the love of your only Son's blessed Mother; may this, the sacrifice that brings us salvation, likewise be pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Our Lady I(p. 63\*) with the words on this feast of the Visitation

Communion antiphon

All generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has dealt wonderfully with me; holy is his Name.

## Post-Communion

May your Church glorify you, Lord, for you have done great things for your faithful people: Saint John the Baptist leapt for joy to greet your Son who was hidden in the womb of his Blessed Mother: may we rejoice to know in this sacrament the presence of him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

1st June:

Memoria

Entry antiphon

The wicked have told me lies instead of your truth, but I bore witness to you before the powerful, and I was not put to shame.

Collect

O God, through the foolishness of the Cross you taught Saint Justin your martyr that the wisdom of Jesus Christ is greater than the wisdom of any man. Grant at his intercession, that we may shun the errors that surround us, and always hold fast to the faith. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Make us worthy, we pray you Lord, to celebrate the sacred mysteries of the Mass, for which Saint Justin your martyr fought with all his strength. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion antiphon

While I was with you

I claimed to know only Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

Post-Communion

You have nourished us, Lord, at your heavenly banquet. Enable us, we pray you, to follow the teaching of Saint Justin, your martyr, in giving thanks continually for your gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

2nd June:

Optional Memoria

SS MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS

Common of Martyrs VIII (p. 143) except:

Collect

O God, Saint Marcellinus and Saint Peter died a glorious death in witnessing to you. You give us their faithfulness as an example, and their merits to be our protection: may we follow their example and be supported by their prayers. Through our Lord.

3rd June

Memoria

SS CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Common of Martyrs VIII (p. 143) except:

Collect

O God, you have made the blood of the martyrs the seed from which Christians are born. Grant, we pray, that the field of your Church, soaked in the blood of Saint Charles Lwanga and his companions, may yield a rich harvest to your glory. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, you gave to your martyrs the will to die rather than to sin. As we make our offerings to you, we pray that we who, like them, serve you at your altar, may follow their example in dedicating our lives entirely to you. Through Christ our Lord.

### Post-Communion

Lord, we have received your holy sacrament in memory of the victory of your martyrs. Grant that this sacrament, which enabled them to bear their torments, may make us constant in faith and love among all adversities. Through Christ our Lord.

5th June: ST BONIFACE, BISHOP AND MARTYR Memoria Common of Martyrs X (p. 143) or Pastors X (p. 50\*) except: Collect

O God, Saint Boniface your martyr preached the faith of Christ and witnessed to it with his blood. May his prayers help us to hold fast to the faith, and to profess it boldly in all that we do. Through our Lord.

6th June: ST NORBERT, BISHOP Optional Memoria Common of Pastors III (p. 49\*) or Holy Men and Women VII (p. 52\*) except:

Collect

O God, you made the bishop Saint Norbert an outstanding minister of your Church by his devotion to prayer and to the care of his people. We pray you to grant, in answer to his intercession, that your flock may always have shepherds after your own heart, and be nourished by the food that brings salvation. Through our Lord.

9th June: Optional Memoria

ST EPHRAEM, DEACON AND DOCTOR

Common of Doctors I (p. 51\*) except:

Collect

By the power of your Holy Spirit, Lord, your deacon Saint Ephraem was enabled to sing of your mysteries and to dedicate his life to your service. As we celebrate his feast, we pray you to pour your Spirit into our hearts. Through our Lord.

# Common of the Saints

The Common of Martyrs outside Paschal Time, Pastors, Doctors of the Church, Virgins, Holy Men and Women, and the Mass of Our Lady outside Paschal Time, will be found in the first booklet, pp. 47–55. Attention is called to the basic rules for the use of the Common Masses, given on page 47\*.

During Eastertide one Alleluia is added to the Entry and Communion antiphons except where the antiphon already finishes with this word.

## COMMON OF OUR LADY, VI

(This Mass is used during Eastertide)

# Entry antiphon

The disciples with one accord were persevering in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, alleluia.

#### Collect

O God, you have brought gladness to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant, we pray, that through the intercession of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may attain to the joys of eternal life. Through our Lord.

Or

O God, you gave your Holy Spirit to your apostles while they were at prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Grant through her intercession that we may serve you faithfully, and by our words and our deeds spread the glory of your name. Through our Lord.

# Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, we offer you our gifts as we celebrate the feast (keep the memory) of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her Son offered himself to you on the Cross as a perfect sacrifice; grant that his human nature may be a source of help to us: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface of Our Lady (p. 63\* and 64\*)

# Communion antiphon

O Virgin Mother rejoice, because Christ has risen from the tomb, alleluia.

#### Post-Communion

Lord, we acknowledge that Jesus Christ, the Son of the Virgin Mary, is truly God and truly man. Grant that the sacrament we have received may strengthen us in this belief, so that the saving power of his resurrection may bring us to the eternal joy of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

#### COMMON OF MARTYRS

# VIII - For many Martyrs, during Eastertide

### Entry antiphon

Come, you blessed of my Father, take possession of the inheritance prepared for you from all eternity, alleluia.

# Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, the death of your Saints was precious in your eyes. In their honour we offer you the sacrifice from which every martyr derives his strength and inspiration. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion antiphon

To him who has overcome I will give the right to eat from the tree of life which grows in my Father's paradise, alleluia.

#### Post-Communion

Lord, we have celebrated your Son's supper as we commemorate the day when Saints NN., your martyrs, conquered death. Grant that the bread of life we have eaten may give us strength to conquer in our turn, so that after our victory we may eat from the tree of life in paradise. Through Christ our Lord.

# X — For one Martyr, during Eastertide

### Entry antiphon

Perpetual light will shine upon your Saints, Lord, for ever and ever, alleluia.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, on this feast of Saint N., your martyr, we offer you this sacrifice to obtain your mercy and to give you praise. Accept it, we pray, and grant that it may win us your forgiveness and make us always thankful to you. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion antiphon

A grain of wheat remains as it is unless it is buried in the ground and dies; but if it dies it brings forth much fruit, alleluia.

### Post-Communion

Lord, in our rejoicing at today's feast, we have received the gift of your heavenly sacrament and proclaimed your Son's death. Grant that with your holy martyrs, we may share in the glory of his resurrection: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

# Votive Masses

I - Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament II

(This Mass may also be used as a Votive Mass of Christ the High Priest)

Entry antiphon

The Lord God has sworn an oath he will never retract:

You are a priest of the order of Melchisedech for ever.

#### Collect

O God, you chose to appoint your Son the eternal high priest, for your glory and for the salvation of the world. He gave his blood to make us your people: grant that by receiving it in the memorial of his sacrifice, we may experience the power of his Cross and resurrection: who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us the grace, we pray you Lord, to take part worthily in this Mass; for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated, the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Blessed Sacrament (p. 62\*)

Communion antiphon

The Lord said:

This is my Body which will be given up for you; this chalice is the new covenant in my Blood; whenever you receive it,

do so in memory of me.

### Post-Communion

Lord, your Son commanded us to offer this sacrifice as his memorial. Through our share in it, unite us with him as a perpetual offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

II — Funeral Mass A (outside Eastertide)

Entry antiphon

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

#### Collect

Almighty Father, we believe that your Son died and rose again. Your servant N. has now passed to his (her) rest in Christ: grant that through the Mass he (she) may rise in Christ, to everlasting joy. Through our Lord.

Or

O God, it is your nature to have mercy and to spare. You have

called to yourself your servant N., who believed in you and placed in you his (her) hope: lead him (her) to eternal happiness in his (her) true home in heaven. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord, as we offer you our sacrifice, we plead for the salvation of your servant N. He (she) firmly believed in your Son's redeeming love; grant that he (she) may find him a merciful Judge: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface of the Dead (p. 67\* or p. 151)

Communion antiphon

Let eternal light shine on them, in the company of your Saints for ever, because you, Lord, are merciful. Lord, grant them everlasting rest and let perpetual light shine upon them: in the company of your Saints for ever, because you, Lord, are merciful.

Post-Communion

Lord God, your Son gave us the sacrament of his Body to support us in our last journey. Grant that our brother (sister) N. may take his (her) seat with Christ at his eternal banquet. Through Christ our Lord.

III — Funeral Mass C (during Eastertide)

Entry antiphon

As Jesus died and rose again, so God will raise up with him those who have died in Christ. \*
As we all died in Adam, we shall all live again in Christ, alleluia.

Collect

Lord, graciously hear our prayers as we proclaim our faith in your Son's resurrection. In your goodness strengthen our hope as we look forward to your servant N's resurrection on the last day. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favourably, Lord, on our gifts which we unite with your Son's loving sacrifice, and grant that your servant N. may be taken up into glory with him: who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface of the Dead (p. 67\* or p. 151)

Communion antiphon

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.

Anyone who believes in me, even though he dies, will live; and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die, alleluia.

#### Post-Communion

Lord, we have celebrated the sacrament of your Son's death and resurrection, for the benefit of your servant N. Grant that he (she) may enter into the abode of light and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

IV - Mass for the Dead

Entry antiphon

For one person:

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that on the last day I shall rise again, and in my flesh I shall see my God.

For many persons or for all the faithful departed: Lord, grant them everlasting rest, and fill their souls with glory.

#### Collect

For a deceased priest:

Lord, listen mercifully to the prayers that we offer for the salvation of N., your servant and priest. He was faithful to you in performing his ministry. Grant that he may rejoice for ever in the company of your Saints. Through our Lord.

For another deceased person: As in the Funeral Mass, above.

For many persons and for all the faithful departed:

O God, you granted your Son victory over death and brought him to his heavenly home. Grant to your servants (N. and N.) that they too may conquer death, and may for ever enjoy the sight of you, their creator and redeemer. Through our Lord.

Or

O God, creator and redeemer of all the faithful, grant your servants forgiveness for all their sins, so that our prayers may obtain for them the mercy which they always sought from you. Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

For a deceased priest:

Lord, your servant N., was devout in offering the Mass as a priest of your Church. In your mercy, grant that this sacrifice which we offer, may gain for him your pardon. Through Christ our Lord.

For another deceased person: As in the Funeral Mass, above.

For many persons and for all the faithful departed:

Lord, look favourably upon the gifts which we offer you on behalf of your servants. You gave them the grace of Christian faith: bestow on them now its reward. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Dead (p. 67\* or p. 151)

## Communion antiphon

For one person:

This is the Bread which comes down from heaven, says the Lord:

anyone who eats of it will never die.

For many persons or for all the faithful departed:

God sent his only Son into the world,

that through him we might receive eternal life.

### Post-Communion

For a deceased priest:

Lord, you have nourished us with the Bread of Heaven. Grant that your priest and servant N., who performed his ministry faithfully in your Church, may through the power of this sacrifice rejoice in your presence for all eternity. Through Christ our Lord.

For another deceased person: As in the Funeral Mass, above.

For many persons and for all the faithful departed:

Lord, since you have accepted our sacrifice, bestow on your departed servants the riches of your mercy. You gave them the grace of baptism: grant them the fullness of eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord.

Or

Lord, listen to the prayer that we make to you on behalf of your servants. Grant that this sacrifice may avail to free them from their sins, and gain for them eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prefaces

Note: The opening phrase of all prefaces is that of alternative 7 (p. 490 in the Missale Romanum) with a translation of per Iesum Christum Dominum nostrum which seeks to avoid the automatic response of Amen by the congregation; and the closing phrase is that of alternative 3 (ibidem)

#### LENT II

(The true purpose of Lenten penance)

Used during Lent, especially on Sundays, when a more proper preface does not have to be be said

It is indeed right and fitting

that heaven and earth should praise you, O God:

In your mercy you have given to us, your children, this special time for renewing our spirit; that by curbing our excessive desires, we may learn how to pass through this changing world while holding fast to what endures for ever.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you, with all the Angels and Saints, as we joyfully proclaim:

#### LENT IV

(The value of fasting)

Used on the weekdays of Lent, especially fasting days

It is indeed right and fitting

that heaven and earth should praise you, O God:

Because by means of our fasting you control our evil desires, you set our minds on higher things, you strengthen us and make us worthy of the reward you promise us

through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you, with all the Angels and Saints, as we joyfully proclaim:

### THE PASSION I

(The power of the holy Cross)

Used on the weekdays of the 5th week of Lent, and in Masses of the Holy Cross and the Sacred Passion

It is indeed right and fitting

that heaven and earth should praise you, O God:

Through the sufferings of your only Son

which brought us redemption, the whole earth has reason for acclaiming your greatness; by the almighty power of the Cross our Crucified Saviour shines out before the world as its King and its Judge.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you, with all the Angels and Saints, as we joyfully proclaim:

#### THE PASSION II

(The triumph of the Passion)

Used in the Masses of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week

It is indeed right and fitting that heaven and earth should praise you, O God, through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

The time of his saving Passion and glorious Resurrection draws near;

we recall his victory over the old Enemy of mankind, and the wonderful mystery of our own redemption.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you, with all the Angels and Saints, as we joyfully proclaim:

### EASTER I

(The Paschal Mystery)

Used at the Easter Vigil Mass (with the words on this night), and in the Masses of Easter Sunday and during the Easter Octave (with the words on this day)

It is indeed right and fitting that we should always praise you, O God, but more triumphantly than ever on this day (night) when Christ our Pasch was sacrificed.

He is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world, for by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising again he has given us new life.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you, with all the Angels and Saints, in these our Easter celebrations, as we joyfully proclaim:

In the Roman Canon: proper Communicantes and Hanc igitur.

#### EASTER III

(Christ lives and intercedes for us)

Used during Eastertide

It is indeed right and fitting that we should always praise you, O God, but more triumphantly than ever at Eastertide when Christ our Pasch was sacrificed.

He continues even now to offer himself for us, and as our eternal advocate he defends us before you. He was slain, but will die no more; he was put to death, but he will live for ever.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you, with all the Angels and Saints, in these our Easter celebrations, as we joyfully proclaim:

#### THE ASCENSION II

(The Mystery of the Ascension)

Used on the feast of the Ascension, and on the days following until Pentecost, unless the Mass being celebrated has its own proper preface

It is indeed right and fitting that heaven and earth should praise you, O God, through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

After his resurrection from the dead he clearly showed himself to all his disciples; before their very eyes he was taken up to heaven so that he might make us sharers in his own Godhead.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you, with all the Angels and Saints, in these our Easter celebrations, as we joyfully proclaim:

In the Roman Canon: proper Communicantes on the feast of the Ascension

### SAINT JOSEPH

(The mission of Saint Joseph)

Used in Masses of Saint Joseph

It is indeed right and fitting that heaven and earth should praise you, O God,

And it is especially fitting that we should proclaim and honour you

as we celebrate this feast of Saint Joseph (as we venerate Saint Joseph).

He was the upright man chosen by you to be the husband of the Virgin Mother of God; He was the wise and faithful servant placed over the holy Family, to be the guardian and foster-father of your Son, Jesus Christ, who had been conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you, with all the Angels and Saints, as we joyfully proclaim:

### PREFACE OF THE DEAD III

Used in Masses of the Dead

It is indeed right and fitting that heaven and earth should praise you, O God, through Jesus Christ who is our Lord.

He is the Saviour of the World; he brings eternal life to men; he is the pledge of our resurrection from the dead.

And, therefore, Lord, we praise you, with all the Angels and Saints, as we joyfully proclaim:

# Solemn Blessings

These blessings may be used at choice at the conclusion of the Mass. After the salutation The Lord be with you the deacon (priest himself if there is no deacon) invites the people by saying Bow down for the Blessing, or similar words, and the celebrant extends his hands over the people while saying the Blessing. The dismissal formula follows as usual

#### LENT AND PASSIONTIDE

May God, the Father of mercy, who gave you the supreme example of love in the sufferings of his only Son, make you worthy, through your service of him and of all men, to receive from him the gift of his blessing. Ro Amen.

You believe that you are freed from everlasting death by Christ's death on the Cross; may you now receive from him the gift of eternal life. R7 Amen.

May you follow the example of his humility, so that you may also share in his resurrection. R7 Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son & and Holy Spirit, come down on you, and remain with you always.

R7 Amen.

### VIGIL OF EASTER AND EASTER DAY

May almighty God bless you on this glorious day of the Paschal feast; in his mercy may he save you from every assault of sin.

R7 Amen.

May he who restores you to everlasting life through the resurrection of his only Son, grant you the prize of eternal happiness.

R7 Amen.

You have followed Our Lord in his suffering and death, you celebrate now the joy of Easter; with the help of the Saviour may you be brought to rejoice in the festival that lasts for ever in heaven.

Ry Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son A and Holy Spirit, come down on you, and remain with you always.

Ry Amen.

### **EASTERTIDE**

Through the resurrection of his only Son,
God has bestowed upon you the treasures of salvation
and made you his adopted sons and daughters.
May he enable you to share this Easter joy
by filling you with his blessing.
Ry Amen.

By the saving action of Christ you have received the gift of enduring freedom; may he make you worthy to share his everlasting inheritance.
Ry Amen.

Already, through your faith, you have risen with Christ in Baptism; by the holiness of your lives may you deserve to be united with him in heaven.

R7 Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son & and Holy Spirit, come down on you, and remain with you always.

R7 Amen.

### FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

May almighty God, whose only Son on this day ascended to heaven, and opened for you the way to follow him, give you his blessing.

R7 Amen.

As Christ appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, so when he comes to you as your Judge, may he welcome you into eternal life.

R7 Amen.

You believe that now he sits in majesty with his Father; may you deserve to enjoy the fulfilment of his promise that he will be with you always until the end of time.

Ry Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son & and Holy Spirit, come down on you, and remain with you always.

Ry Amen.

#### PENTECOST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

May God the Father of light, who (on this day) illumined the minds of his disciples by the consoling gift of the Holy Spirit, enable you to find joy in his blessing, and ever to know the abundance of his gifts.

R7 Amen.

May that wondrous fire which appeared on the heads of the disciples, free your hearts from all that is evil, and fill them with the warmth of his light.

R7 Amen.

Though they may speak in many tongues, his followers proclaim one faith; may God help you to persevere in that same faith, and so, through hope, attain at last to the full vision of the truth.

R7 Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son & and Holy Spirit, come down on you, and remain with you always.

R7 Amen.

#### FEASTS OF OUR LADY

Of his great love, God willed to redeem all men, through the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May he now make you worthy of his blessing. R7 Amen.

At all times and in all places, may you seek the patronage of her through whom you have been able to receive the author of life.

R7 Amen.

Today you are assembled here to celebrate this feast with true devotion. May you obtain the gifts of spiritual joy, and an everlasting reward in heaven.

R7 Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son & and Holy Spirit, come down on you, and remain with you always.

R7 Amen.

### FEASTS OF THE APOSTLES

God has established you on the foundations laid by the apostles.

May he grant you every blessing through the merits and prayers of Saint N.

Ry Amen.

You have been strengthened by the words and example of the Apostles; under their guidance may you bear witness to the truth before all men.

R7 Amen.

Through the prayers of the Apostles whose sound doctrine you have made your own, may you be helped to arrive at your everlasting home. R7 Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son & and Holy Spirit, come down on you, and remain with you always.

R7 Amen.

### FEASTS OF THE SAINTS

May God, the glory and delight of the Saints, give to you his lasting blessing, as today you celebrate this feast.

R7 Amen.

You have been freed from the evils that surround you, you have been taught by the example of countless holy lives. May you be ever determined to serve God and his people. R7 Amen.

As you strive to possess with all the Saints the happiness of your heavenly home, so may God's Church, with all her children, united in the company of the Saints, rejoice in lasting peace.

R7 Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son 🛱 and Holy Spirit, come down on you, and remain with you always.

R7 Amen.

### DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

May God, the Lord of heaven and earth, who has brought you here today for the dedication (to commemorate the dedication) of this house, enrich you now with his heavenly blessing.

Ry Amen.

He willed that all who are separated should be united in his Son.

May he grant that by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit you may become his living temples.

R7 Amen.

You that have now been joyfully renewed know that God is within you; and with all the Saints, may you rejoice in everlasting happiness. Ry Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son A and Holy Spirit, come down on you, and remain with you always.

Ry Amen.

### MASSES OF THE DEAD

May the God of all consolation, who of his great love created man, and in the resurrection of his only Son gave to all men the hope of rising again, fill you with his blessing.

Ry Amen.

May he grant to the living forgiveness of sin, and to the dead a resting place of light and peace. Ry Amen.

You truly believe that Christ rose from the dead; may you live happily with him for ever.

Ry Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son & and Holy Spirit, come down on you, and remain with you always.

R7 Amen.

# Final Prayers over the People

One of these prayers, followed by the form of blessing given at the foot of the page, may be used at choice at the conclusion of the Mass. It is introduced in the same way as the Solemn Blessings (p. 152), and the celebrant extends his hands over the people while saying the prayer

- 1. Lord, look kindly on your people. It is your wish that they should strive for the things that are eternal; do not fail to console them in the trials of the present life. Through Christ our Lord. Rz Amen.
- 2. Lord, grant to your faithful people your strong protection and grace. Give them health of mind and body, and a fulness of brotherly love; make them ever devoted to you. Through Christ our Lord. Ry Amen.
- 3. Lord, enable your Christian people to recognize the things that are good, and to love the heavenly gift which they receive. Through Christ our Lord. Ry Amen.
- 4. Lord, dispose your people to receive the gift of your divine blessing. May they thereby turn away from all that is evil, and seek what is good. Through Christ our Lord. Ry Amen.
- 5. Lord, let your longed-for blessing strengthen your faithful people. May it help them to follow your will, and always be grateful for your goodness to them. Through Christ our Lord. R7 Amen.
- 6. Lord, may your people turn to you with all their hearts; for whilst you show mercy on those who go astray, you show an even greater love for those who follow you sincerely. Through Christ our Lord. R7 Amen.
- 7. Lord, we beg you so to enlighten your people, that by following your will, they may deserve to be blessed with all good things. Through Christ our Lord. Ry Amen.
- 8. Lord, stay near your people, and all who turn to you for help. As they joyfully acclaim you as the creator and ruler, renew what you have made and preserve what you have renewed. Through Christ our Lord. R7 Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son H and Holy Spirit, come down on you, and remain with you always.

R7 Amen.

- 9. Lord, look kindly on your faithful people who implore your mercy. May all those who turn to you, spread everywhere the gifts of your love. Through Christ our Lord. Ry Amen.
- 10. Lord, bless your people who seek for your mercy. You have inspired them to long for it: grant it them in full measure. Through Christ our Lord. Ry Amen.
- 11. Lord, we beg you to increase the work of divine redemption among your faithful people, and help them always to follow your commands. Through Christ our Lord. R7 Amen.
- 12. O God, look kindly on your people and free them from all evil. May they serve you with true dedication, and ever rejoice in your protection. Through Christ our Lord. R7 Amen.
- 13. Lord, give your heavenly help to your faithful people. May those who seek you with all their hearts, deserve to obtain those things for which they long. Through Christ our Lord. Ry Amen.
- 14. O God, grant that your family, who rejoice together in celebrating the mysteries of their redemption, may persevere and obtain its gifts. Through Christ our Lord. Ry Amen.
- 15. Lord, look kindly on your people. Each day they turn away from the things that displease you: may they find joy in following your commands. Through Christ our Lord. R7 Amen.
- 16. Lord, stretch out your saving hand to your people who call upon you. Show them the way of purification, and give them consolation in this life, as they advance towards everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord. R<sup>7</sup> Amen.
- 17. O God, look kindly on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ allowed himself to be betrayed into the hands of wicked men, and to undergo the torment of the Cross: who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Ry Amen.
- 18. Lord, grant to your faithful people that they may never cease to receive the Paschal sacraments, or fail to seek the good things that are to come. May they ever be renewed by these mysteries, and be led thereby to a new life. Through Christ our Lord. Ry Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son & and Holy Spirit, come down on you, and remain with you always.

- 19. Lord God, of your great mercy enrich your people and keep them safe. As they are strengthened by your blessing, let them ever be filled with gratitude, and worship you with never-ending joy. Through Christ our Lord. Ry Amen.
- 20. May God fill you with every blessing from heaven; may he keep you always holy and pure before him; may he pour out on you the riches of his glory; may he fill you with his truth, teach you the good news of salvation, and make you abound with brotherly love. Through Christ our Lord. Ry Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son A and Holy Spirit, come down on you, and remain with you always.

R7 Amen.